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The transition period from the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program to CNMI Economic Vitality & Security Travel Authorization Program, or EVS-TAP, is set to officially end this month fully enforcing the EVS-TAP come Nov. 29.

» Palacios: It will benefit the CNMI and federal government

With the EVS-TAP program expected to be in full swing come Nov. 29, Gov. Arnold I. Palacios said this is good news as it would benefit the CNMI

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CHCC non-payment would reflect in FAC rate

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. reports that the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s nonpayment of utility arrears will reflect on the fuel adjustment charge imposed on all CNMI residents.

CUC chief financial officer Betty Terlaje and executive director Kevin Watson held an FAC presentation before the CUC board of directors during yesterday's regular board meeting.

During the presentation, Terlaje explained CUC's

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House refers bill to authorize salaries for inmates back to committee

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The full House of Representatives unanimously voted to refer House Bill 23-64 House Substitute 1 back to committee to be amended.

Last Friday, the House of Representatives held a regular session where they discussed the passage of H.B. No. 23-64, HS1 "to authorize local inmates in the

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APASEEM conference highlights science, community engagement, local voices

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Researchers, intellectuals, students, and many others part of Saipan's scientific community took part in the annual Asian Pacific Academy of Science, Education and Environmental Management conference held from Nov. 20 to 22 at the American Memorial Park Theater in Garapan.

The conference featured the research and presentation of 12 individuals and covered various topics such as the

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CHRYSTAL MARINO

Asian Pacific Academy of Science, Education and Environmental Management president Roy Adsit makes his welcome remarks before Day 3 of the APASEEM conference last Friday at the American Memorial Park theater in Garapan.

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BECQ-Division of Coastal Resources Management's Mary-Fem Urena and Jovahnna Taitingfong speak on CNMI coastal management and enhancement priorities during the Asian Pacific Academy of Science, Education and Environmental Management conference from Nov. 20 to 22 at the American Memorial Park theater in Garapan.

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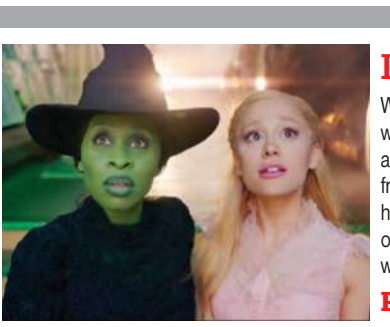

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With a combined $270 million in worldwide ticket sales, "Wicked" and "Gladiator II" breathed fresh life into a box office that has struggled lately, leading to one of the busiest moviegoing weekends of the year.

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Local

CCSSO chief begins 3-day visit to Rota, Tinian, Saipan public schools

The Public School System will celebrate on Wednesday its 36th anniversary as an autonomous education system with the enactment of Public Law 6-10 in 1988, and ahead of its celebration is the arrival of the chief executive officer of the Council of Chief State School Officers.

Education Commissioner Dr. Lawrence F. Camacho said that Dr. Carissa Moffat Miller began her three-day visit to Rota, Tinian, and Saipan public elementary, middle, and high schools yesterday and will culminate on Wednesday's district-wide Education Day Celebration. One of the highlights is she will present several district-level awards, including the coveted 2025 Teacher of the Year, alongside Camacho and members of the Board of Education.

The CCSSO runs the National Teacher of the Year Program.

It was upon Camacho's invitation for the CCSSO chief to visit the Northern Mariana Islands. Miller's visit will also be the first by any head of CCSSO in its 90-year history.

CCSSO is the only national education nonprofit that represents all 58 leaders of K-12 education systems in every state, the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Education Activity, the Bureau of Indian Education, and five U.S. jurisdictions.

Collectively, the CCSSO helps impact the educational needs of about 50 million students, 3.8 million teachers, 98,200 schools, and 13,600 school districts.

"Our PSS family, our Board of Education policymakers, and all of our stakeholders are celebrating this milestone together. On this historic first visit to Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, we welcome Dr. Miller to our community of learners as we commemorate 36 years since our school system was established as an independent body under the commonwealth government," said Camacho.

"As we are all aware, PSS has benefited greatly from CCSSO's leadership, advocacy, and technical assistance on a number of our initiatives that support our direction as a school district for many years. She will be able to observe and feel the advancements and expansion we have made over the years during her visit," Camacho said.

As the chief executive officer of the Council of Chief State School Officers, Miller works with state education chiefs to ensure all students have the opportunity to graduate from high school prepared for college, careers, and life.

Miller, a first-generation college graduate, was named head of CCSSO in 2018, becoming the first woman to lead in its 90-year history.

With a deep understanding of education policy at the state and national levels, she leads CCSSO's efforts to help states deliver equitable education opportunities to every student.

Prior to joining CCSSO, she served as a deputy superintendent for the Idaho State Department of Education and led the implementation of statewide online testing for the Idaho State Board of Education. She holds a Ph.D. in education from the University of Idaho, a master's degree in sociology from the University of Wyoming, and a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. ***(PR)***

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Weekly OE presentation will be held at the Joeten Kiyu Public Library and government agencies, as arranged please call us for details.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DRT to host W-2CM workshop, Dec 17

The Division of Revenue and Taxation is inviting tax preparers and interested taxpayers to the annual W-2CM workshop on December 17th at the Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe.

Every employer engaged in a trade or business who pays remuneration for the year (all amounts if any income, social security, or Medicare tax was withheld) for services performed by an employee must file a Form W-2CM for each employee (even if the employee is related to the employer) from whom:

■ Income, Social Security, or Medicare tax were withheld.

■ Income tax would have been withheld if the employee had claimed no more than one withholding allowance or had not claimed exemption from withholding on Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate.

DRT will outline the steps of preparation (i.e EWR, W-2CM, and OS-3710), deadlines, penalties, amendments, and common errors encountered.

The Department of Labor will be joining the workshop to speak on the importance of correctly and accurately filling out boxes C through F on W-2CM—citizenship, NAICS, SOC, and visa.

The W-2CM workshop is highly informative and gives tax professionals and business owners an opportunity to raise concerns directly with the Division of Revenue and Taxation. There will be two sessions available: morning, 8:30am-11:30am and afternoon, 1pm-4pm. Registration for either session is required via finance.gov.mp or by clicking on this link https://forms.office.com/g/msc0hwkH3y.

For more information on this W-2CM workshop, contact DRT at (670) 664-1098 or revtaxinfo@dof.gov.mp. ***(PR)***

CUC offices closed on Thursday, Nov. 28

In observance of Thanksgiving Day, Commonwealth Utilities Corp. offices and customer service centers are closed on Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024.

For more information, contact CUC's hotline at (670) 236-4333, visit its website, and monitor its Facebook page for the latest updates.

In case of an emergency, contact Customer Service at (670) 664-4282. ***(PR)***

SHEFA application deadline on Feb. 28

To all new, ongoing, and returning applicants, Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance would like to inform you that our Spring 2025 applications will be available online on Dec. 1, 2024 and the deadline to apply and submit supporting documents is on Feb. 28, 2025.

For more information and updates you can check our Facebook page at Saipan SHEFA or give us a call at (670) 233-5995. ***(PR)***

Easy Rider Motorcycle Club unveils bus stop in San Vicente

RACQUEL FLOYD

The Easy Rider Motorcycle Club Saipan bus stop along San Vicente Road was unveiled and had its ribbon-cutting ceremony last Saturday morning.

RACQUEL FLOYD

Easy Rider Motorcycle Club Saipan members pose for a group photo.

RACQUEL FLOYD

Members of the Easy Rider Motorcycle Club Saipan with members of other motorcycle clubs Matua Riders Group and Parekoy Motorcycle Club pose for a group photo.

RACQUEL FLOYD

Public School System Pupil Transportation director Shawn San Nicolas delivers his thank you message.

By RACQUEL H. FLOYD
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After almost a year of raising funds, the Easy Rider Motorcycle Club Saipan bus stop along San Vicente Road was unveiled and had a ribbon-cutting ceremony last Saturday morning.

According to Easy Rider vice president Gregg Sablan, the prefabricated bus stop was constructed in just three days at a cost of $9,800, compared to the estimated cost of concrete, and it can be easily relocated, making it a versatile option.

"This one here (bus stop), it took only three days to construct but it almost took us a year to come up with the funding. Altogether it costs us almost $9,800, this may be a pilot for other future bus stops to be erected, cause it's not only typhoon-proofed but is also cost-efficient... We were initially planning on building a concrete bus stop, but it costs $25,000 to $30,000 to build with concrete. You can also pick it up again and relocate it to another destination," he said in an interview.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was attended by Easy Rider members, Precinct 1 Reps. Roy Ada (R-Saipan), Vincent Seman Aldan (Ind-Saipan), Diego Camacho (D-Saipan), Joseph Arriola Flores (Ind-Saipan), Public School System Pupil Transportation director Shawn San Nicolas, and some members of Matua Riders Group and Parekoy Motorcycle Club.

Fr. Rey Rosal initiated the prayer session that included a request for divine protection for the students, commuters, and all those involved in the project and was followed by a sprinkling of holy water.

Meanwhile, Easy Rider president Alex Tudela thanked the attendees and said that he welcomed contributions from the public and government to achieve their goal of putting up more bus stops.

"We welcome any contributions from the public and government that can assist us because that's our goal is to try to put more shelters for the kids. That is for their safety," said Tudela.

In his impromptu message, Ada thanked the Easy Rider Motorcycle Club Saipan for the bus shelter.

"Thank you so much for taking the initiative. This is truly a testament of your commitment to the community... and again on behalf of our Precinct 1, thank you very much for this shelter," he said.

San Nicolas also thanked the group for funding the bus stop through their hard work and members donating time and skills. He added that it's been a bus stop that they've been looking for a long time due to a lot of people requesting to have a bus stop directed in that area, and now it has become a reality.

The ribbon cutting was concluded with a CNMI Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services water salute and a group photo.

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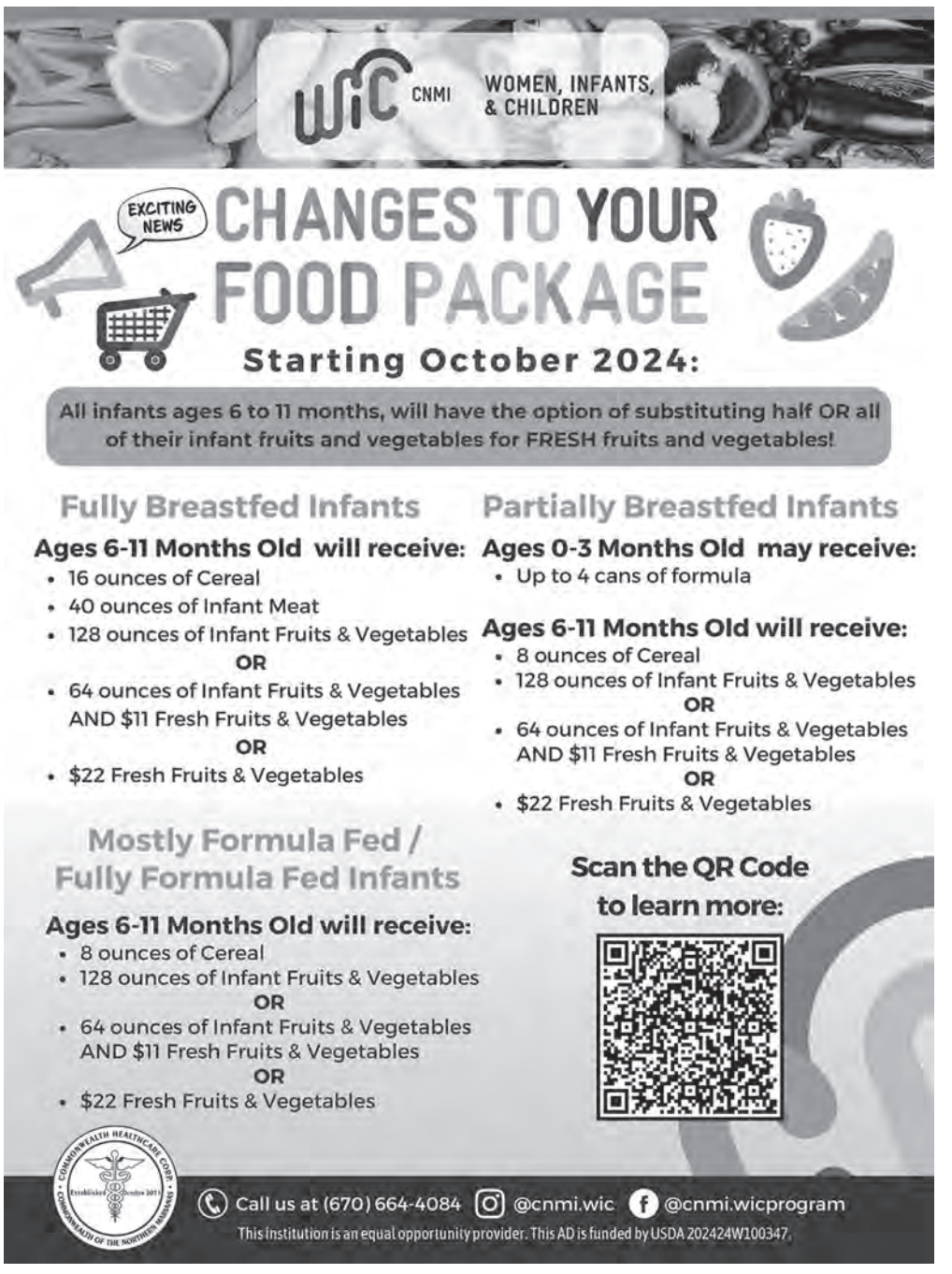
PUBLIC NOTICE
OFFICE CLOSURE

November 19, 2024

This notice is to inform the General Public that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Central Office in Garapan, the CDBG-DR Program Office in the 3rd Floor of the Ladera Building, Beach Road, the NMHC Tinian and Rota Field Offices will be closed on November 27, 2024, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM for an Agency Wide Professional Development Normal business operation will resume at 2:00 PM.

/s/
Jesse S. Palacios
Acting Corporate Director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environment, Marianas culture, and economy.

Day 1 saw Marianas High School's Alexander John T. Olaitiman share his research on hydroponic fertilizing systems to combat climate and pests in the CNMI and Kagman High School's Evangeline Taitingfong present on marine debris and plastic pollution.

On Day 2, Mark Terlaje-Pangelinan, a Northern Marianas College Student-Environmental Natural Resources Organization ambassador, delved into his research "Geographic Distribution of Yellow Crazy Ants on Saipan" and Micronesia Climate Change Alliance's Moñeka De Oro spoke on ÅMUT walks through the Marianas, as a journey for peace, healing and unity.

Daisy Demapan, a University of Guam alumnae and California Southern University School of Behavioral Sciences graduate, spoke on the impact of historical trauma on natives of the Marianas. BECQ-Division of Coastal Resources Management's Mary-Fem Urena and Jovahnna Taitingfong kicked off Day 3 of the conference speaking on CNMI coastal management and enhancement priorities.

Kånnai Komunidat- payuur toulap Candice Nicole L.G. Muña spoke on "Breaking the Cycle," covering her research on disadvantaged communities and pathways to resilience in the CNMI.

University of Guam Drone Corps/ Communications coordinator under the NASA Guam Space Grant's Keanno Lawrence A. Fausto and his team—Jonelle Sayama, Annisa Lujan, and Andrea Velasquez—did a presentation on enhancing regional natural resource management with drone technology and UOG drone Corps' mapping campaign on Saipan.

Eloise Rose Enrico Lopez, APASEEM's media coordinator intern, shared with *Saipan Tribune* that as hoped the APASEEM conference this year had presentations from field professionals, independent researchers, and students.

"While we had more last year, we wanted to give presenters ample time to share their insights and provide valuable information to our community." She added "Despite the short timeline, we had a strong and diverse group of presentations with fresh, engaging topics. For next year, we plan to start calling for presentations earlier, beginning in February 2025, to ensure an even greater variety of contributors."

In a conversation with APASEEM president Roy Adsit, he shared that this year's event spotlighted the power of community-driven research and the importance of creating a platform for diverse perspectives in science.

Adsit, a longtome science teacher at Saipan Southern High School with well over 15 years teaching on the island, shared that he has a passion for making science accessible and meaningful to his students and the community. Adsit's experiences as a teacher had played a major role in starting up APASEEM.

"Teaching isn't just about the content," Adsit shared. "It's about helping students see how science connects to their lives and the world around them. That's the same vision we have for APASEEM."

A platform for all

Founded in 2008, with colleague John Fury, APASEEM was created to unite scientific minds while remaining accessible to the general public. Adsit emphasized the conference's unique approach: "Many conferences aren't practical for working people. Our event is tailored to include everyone—students, shift workers, and community members—not just career scientists."

The inclusivity also extends to the content itself. While traditional scientific research plays a significant role, this year's conference also welcomed presentations on indigenous knowledge and non-traditional science. "We've worked hard to highlight indigenous perspectives. It's been enlightening and unifying," Adsit noted.

Citizen science in action

One of the conference's key themes was the role of citizen science in tackling environmental challenges. Adsit described projects like Guam's Coral Watch initiative, which relies on input from divers, fishermen, and snorkelers to monitor marine health. "Thousands of observations a day are collected by the community—something professional scientists alone could never achieve," he explained.

Adsit also encouraged attendees to embrace the scientific method in all its forms. "Science isn't just for the experts. Whether you're analyzing coral reefs or observing local weather patterns, anyone can contribute valuable data." He shared that although their goal is to provide a space where researchers can freely share their research, it all has to be based in a viable method of scientific research, that can yield the same results when done by others.

"We have had to work to make sure that we stay true to our goals of providing a platform. A platform as opposed to a soapbox, if that makes sense. We're here to help people and we have to make sure that their presentation is—and again, there's a lot of ways to do science—but it's all based on the premise that you're gathering data to answer a question. And that anybody could go and repeat that or build on it or look at it from a different perspective. And the data is going to hold. It's not a sage on a stage. It's observations and hopefully we did a good job."

Inspiring the next generation

The conference served as a stage for local students to shine. Adsit proudly shared that some of his current and former students participated as presenters, sharing their findings and contributing to the island's growing body of research. "Investing in students' lives pays off," Adsit said. "Many of them go on to become professionals who make meaningful contributions to the community."

Rebuilding momentum

This marks the second year APASEEM has been held since its hiatus due to typhoons and the COVID-19 pandemic. Adsit acknowledged the challenges of rebuilding momentum but remained optimistic. "The second year back is always harder—gearing up and oiling the gears. But the support we've received from the community and partners like American Memorial Park makes it worth it."

Looking to the future, Adsit envisions APASEEM becoming a longstanding island institution. "Our goal is simple: To provide a platform for sharing data and ideas. We're here to help people present their research and foster collaboration in a world that often feels polarized."

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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CNMI Department of Corrections to be paid for work they perform while imprisoned".

According to floor leader Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan), pursuant to the request of the bill's author Rep. Manny Castro (Ind-Saipan), he recommended that the bill be referred back to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

Castro explained that the request is pursuant to an amended version of the bill that is available.

"We have an amended version and it's only fair that the amended version is available to the public, so we want to bring it back to committee," he said.

The recommendation was unanimously passed by the house and the bill has been referred back to the JGO committee.

According to a previous statement from Castro, this critical legislation represents a proactive step toward enhancing rehabilitation efforts and fostering community safety.

"The bill seeks to provide inmates with the opportunity to earn wages of up to $1 per hour for their labor, helping them develop essential work skills and instill a sense of financial responsibility. This approach is aligned with the Commonwealth's commitment to preparing inmates for successful reintegration into society, significantly reducing recidivism rates in the process," said Castro.

Castro adds that the success of the DOC's outreach program serves as a testament to the potential impact of this initiative.

"Over the past year, the outreach program has facilitated numerous workshops and job training sessions, yielding positive results for participants who have demonstrated increased employability and reintegration success. This proven model highlights the effectiveness of structured programs in fostering personal growth and reducing recidivism," he said.

"The success of our outreach programs demonstrates that when we invest in rehabilitation, we all benefit. This legislation is about more than just providing wages; it's about transforming lives and strengthening our community," Castro added.

Castro notes that the key benefits of H.B. 23-64, HS1, promotes skill development, financial responsibility, support for victims, enhance public safety, and strengthens community ties.

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"bad debt" and how it is factored into the FAC charged to each CNMI resident.

Terlaje explained that "bad debt" includes unpaid receivables like CHCC's unpaid utility balance of over $60 million.

According to Terlaje, bad debt is factored into the FAC essentially passing on the charges to consumers.

"There is a small portion in the FAC rate, a small element that is essentially 'bad debt' and it takes into account bad debt that is related to fuel. So, in order for our rate to be full cost recovered, we also need to recover what wasn't paid to CUC. It's a normal cost of business," she said.

Using goods sold in stores as an example, Terlaje says CUC must also recover the cost for fuel used to provide utility services to CHCC.

"For example, if you go to the store and buy a can of soda, there are a couple of pennies in there reflecting bad debt. So same with CUC, for a full cost recovery, we need to recover the portion of fuel that was not recovered or paid. We have to pay for that fuel, who is going to pay for it?" she said.

Overall, Terlaje says the fuel used to power CHCC is a business expense that has to be recovered somehow.

"Theres just a difference here whether it should reflect on the fuel rate or the non-fuel rate. If it comes out of the base rate, whether it's in the fuel or the base rate, it's still going to be part of the rate. If they prefer not to include it in the fuel rate, that's fine that's the board's decision but even if I write it off on the books it's still going to be factored into the non-fuel rate as an expense. I understand the public's concern that they're paying for this, whether they're paying for it in the fuel rate or the non-fuel rate, it's a business expense that has to be covered," she said.

"It will be reflected in the fuel adjustment charge as long as the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission does not change the rate or remove the element. They might consider it now as it's been a long time, but that element was put in there in 2012," she added.

Currently, CHCC owes CUC nearly $70 million in arrears and penalties.

However, CUC and CHCC are actively finding ways to work together to pay off this outstanding balance.

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and the federal government in terms of security purposes.

"To me, [this means] processing is faster because its online, the other thing is that it should address the federal government's concern about unregulated visa-free entry to the Commonwealth from China and other places. Let's just hope it works both ways; an easier to process visas, and for security purposes," he said.

Back in January, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security issued a ruling that paves the way to create the EVS-TAP.

The EVS-TAP would essentially allow visa-free travel for prescreened travelers from China to the CNMI, much like the current discretionary parole program in place.

According to the interim final ruling issued recently, DHS amends its regulations to require persons intending to travel to the CNMI under the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program to submit Form I-736 electronically in advance of travel and receive an electronic travel authorization prior to boarding a flight to Guam or the CNMI.

Under the current visa waiver program regulations, a paper U.S. Customs and Border Protection Form I-736 is presented to Customs and Border Protection upon arrival.

This rule also establishes the EVS-TAP as a restricted sub-program of the G–CNMI VWP.

DHS notes that the program is being established based on recommendations pursuant to consultations between the United States and the CNMI under Section 902 of the Covenant to establish the CNMI in Political Union with the United States of America.

"Once implemented, the CNMI EVS-TAP will allow pre-screened nationals of the People's Republic of China to travel to the CNMI without a visa under specified conditions," DHS stated in its order.

The CNMI EVS-TAP was first proposed in 2019 and aims to enhance security measures while ensuring the orderly entry of PRC nationals for tourism purposes.

The proposed EVS-TAP program involves electronic screening, a maximum 14-day stay, and additional security measures for PROC nationals.

According to memo issued by the U.S Customs and Border Protection last Sept. 18, beginning on Sept. 30, 2024, through Nov. 28, 2024, persons intending to travel to Guam or the CNMI for business or pleasure under the G-CNMI visa waiver program had the option to submit a paper form I-736 or electronically apply for a G-CNMI automation and electronic travel authorization in advance of travel and receive an approved ETA prior to embarking on a carrier for travel to Guam or the CNMI.

On Oct. 1, 2024, the 60-day transition period begun and eligible travelers under the G-CNMI VWP will have the choice to complete the G-CNMI ETA in lieu of the paper Form I-736.

During the transition period, a traveler will continue to be able to present a completed and signed paper Form I-736 upon arrival to Guam or the CNMI from foreign locations.

By the end of the transition period, the paper form will become obsolete and only electronic forms will be accepted which will have to filed days prior to departure and will be subject to approval.

GCC offering 'Free College' for qualifying students

The Guam Community College is once again offering Free College to qualifying students for the Spring 2025 Semester, which starts on January 8, 2025. To be eligible for Free College, students are required to major in one of the designated associate degree programs or in two construction certificate programs. To qualify, students must major in one of the designated associate degree programs or two of the designated Construction Trades Certificate Programs. For a full list of the programs and certificates, please visit guamcc.edu/freecollege.

All applicants for the Free College program must:

- Submit complete official educational transcripts (diplomas will not be accepted)
- Be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident
- Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) regardless of their qualification status
- Enroll on a full-time basis and must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Students who do not complete their degree or certificate program will be required to pay back tuition and related fees. For applicants who are eligible for partial funding through FAFSA, Free College will cover the remaining amount for tuition and fees.

To start, fill out the online Free College Application or in-person at the GCC campus in Mangilao. Once the application is processed, students will receive an email containing their Student Information (MyGCC Account) and further instructions on registering for classes. For further details, please contact (671) 735-5531 or email gcc.registrar@guamcc.edu.

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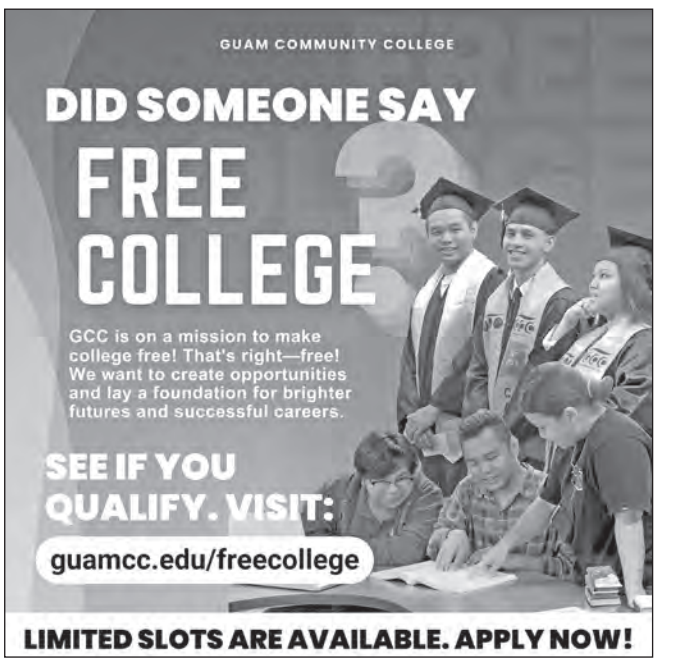
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Radewagen congratulates Palau President Whipps

» Palau remains staunch US ally

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File photo shows Delegate Uifa'atali Amata Radewagen (R-A. Samoa) meeting with President Surangel Whipps Jr. during a CODEL in Palau

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Delegate Uifa'atali Amata Radewagen (R-A. Samoa) is congratulating President Surangel Whipps Jr., reelected recently to another term leading the Republic of Palau. Under his leadership, Belau is a staunch ally of the United States, and last year he led their diplomatic efforts for a new Compact of Free Association 20-year agreement so that the island nation remains one of the Freely Associated States.

"I'm pleased with the return of President Whipps as his leadership is important to both the U.S. and Belau, and he has stood strong on shared values despite economic enticement and diplomatic pressures from China," said Radewagen. "I look forward to continuing to work with him in ongoing implementation of the COFA, upholding the U.S. federal role and obligations, and building on the accomplishments of earlier this year in passing COFA implementation through Congress following extensive negotiations."

"This close alliance and relationship between the U.S. and the Republic of Palau, as with the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia, is essential to their long-term freedom and U.S. strategic necessities to keep the vast Pacific region stable, secure and open for our trading partnerships. Congratulations to President Whipps as he leads the Republic of Palau forward over the next four years, takes on the challenges that many island nations face, and works with the United States to our mutual interests."

Radewagen served as chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee's Task Force on the Indo-Pacific, which conducted oversight and led passage of the COFA legislation in the 118th Congress. She also served on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, including the Subcommittee on the Indo-Pacific as vice vhairman. She is a co-chairman of the Congressional Pacific Islands Caucus, a bipartisan caucus to focus on Pacific Islands issues.

Radewagen has a lifelong familiarity with the Freely Associated States, related regional issues, and life in various Pacific Islands nations, having spent time in many of them, dating back to her father's several groundbreaking leadership roles throughout the Pacific, especially in this case, his time as deputy and then acting high commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in the post-World War II era. ***(PR)***

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File photo shows Delegate Uifa'atali Amata Radewagen (R-A. Samoa) speaks with Republic of Palau President Surangel Whipps in the congressional office.

Judiciary to close on Nov. 29

HAGATÑA, Guam—In adherence to Administrative Order No. ADM24-008, the Judicial Branch of the government of Guam will be closed on Friday, Nov. 29, 2024. The order was filed this morning following a recent executive order issued by the Governor of Guam, mandating the closure of all executive branch departments and agencies on the same day.

"To provide uniformity and equity throughout the Government of Guam and in recognition of the dedication of the employees of the Judiciary of Guam to providing the highest quality of justice services to the people of Guam, it is reasonable to likewise close the Judicial Branch and allow Judiciary of Guam employees to enjoy the spirit of the season," stated the order.

The closure does not apply to magistrate hearings and other emergency filings. Any filing due on Friday, Nov. 29, 2024, shall be deemed timely filed if filed on Monday, Dec. 2, 2024. ***(PR)***

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The Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI) is soliciting proposals for Audit of financial and compliance audit for fiscal year ending **September 30, 2024.** NMPASI is designated, federally funded protection and advocacy system for persons with disabilities in the CNMI. NMPASI uses a variety of individual and systems advocacy approaches to protect people's rights, including legal and administrative remedies, legislative, policy change and trainings. Proposals for the financial and compliance audit shall be submitted to NMPASI, P.O. Box 503529, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than **December 20, 2024.** The audit shall be performed in compliance with the following guidelines:

1. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards;
2. OMB Circular A-133; and
3. Compliance with the general Requirements Applicable to Federal Financial Assistance Program.

Award will be based on specific factor such as prior experience, technical competence, ability to meet the deadline and price in this order. The contract for this audit will be awarded no later than January 10, 2025, and a final audit report shall be completed by March 30, 2025. A list of specific audit requirements and Agency's profile are available at NMPASI office, Marianas Business Plaza, 5th floor, Room 505. Any questions regarding this matter can be addressed to Mr. Gregory Borja, Executive Director at (670) 235-7273/4 (voice) or email at gborja@nmpasi.org.

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Senate shouldn't abrogate its authority over nominees

Presidents deserve wide latitude in selecting members of their Cabinet. But, at the same time, the Senate must take its advice and consent role seriously if the balance of power is to be preserved.

Donald Trump has raised eyebrows with his selections to run various government agencies. Yet many of his picks for top jobs—Susie Wiles as chief of staff, Marco Rubio for secretary of state, Lee Zeldin to run the EPA, Doug Burgum for interior secretary and Chris Wright to lead the energy department—are reasonable and able men and women who will serve honorably.

Others have been more controversial, particularly Rep. Matt Goetz as U.S. attorney general.

Trump has made no secret that he expects the Republican Senate to act quickly on his nominees. Thanks to Sen. Harry Reid's "nuclear option"—which eventually blew up in his party's face—nominees no longer need 60 votes to overcome a filibuster threat. But Democrats can still use procedural gimmicks to gum up the works.

In that case, Trump has urged the GOP leadership to accept so-called "recess appointments" if nominees get stalled. Such a tactic—allowed under the Constitution—can occur when both houses of Congress are out of session for at least 10 days and would result in a limited term without Senate confirmation for the nominee in question.

Otherwise, the Constitution provides that, "The president can nominate and appoint ambassadors, judges and other officers of the United States with the advice and consent of the Senate." This is clearly intended to check the power of the executive branch by giving the upper chamber a chance to reject presidential nominees if they are deemed unfit.

Several Republican senators understandably appear reluctant to surrender their authority to weigh in on Trump's appointments.

"I don't think we should be circumventing the Senate's responsibilities," GOP Sen. John Cornyn of Texas told CNN. "But I think it's premature to be talking about recess appointments right now." Sen. Thom Tillis, R-North Carolina, told the cable channel, "I expect us to treat every nominee coming from an administration, whether they're Democrat or Republican, with respect, but at the end of the day, you got to have the votes and you better have the resume. That's how this process works."

Trump's nominees deserve timely consideration in the Senate, and incoming Senate Majority Leader John Thune should do everything possible to make that happen. But recess appointments should be used sparingly and only as a last resort. For Thune and GOP leaders to abdicate the Senate's oversight responsibility would set a precedent that Republicans would later regret and upset the checks and balances so vital to a healthy democratic republic.

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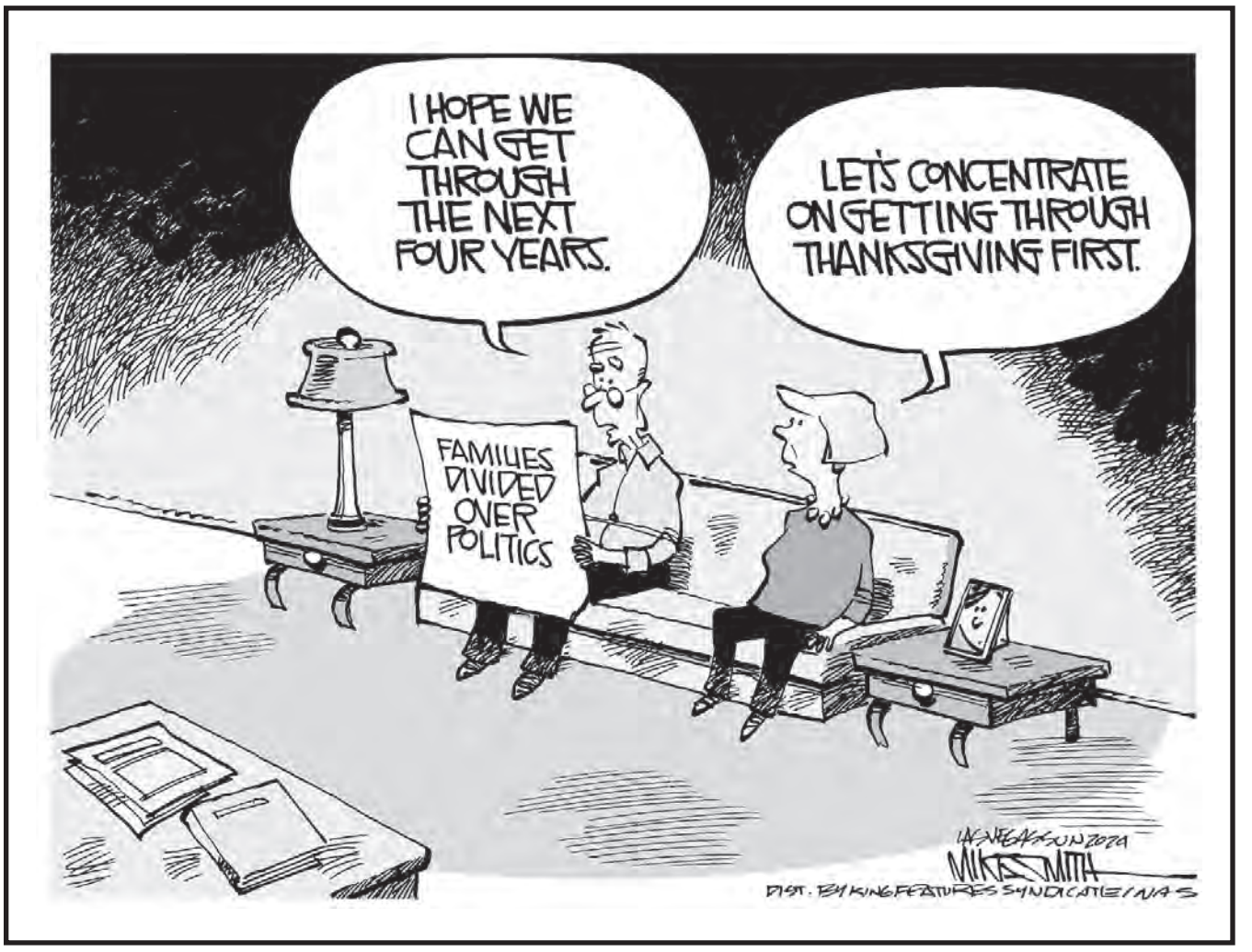
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Pay close attention to your credit card balance under Trump 2.0

By ERIN LOWRY
Bloomberg Opinion

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During Donald Trump's reelection campaign, he boasted of plans to overhaul the federal government, promising to gut or even eliminate entire federal departments. One federal agency clearly in danger of being defanged is the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Established in the wake of the financial crisis to protect Americans against abusive practices by banks and other companies, the agency under President Joe Biden has put in place much-needed checks against financial companies' most egregious practices and has another batch of rules in the works. But if Trump 2.0 behaves anything like his first term in the White House, consumers should expect to play defense against financial institutions with little to no backup from the government.

Major areas where consumers could soon lose out include fighting excessive fees and rates charged by financial-services companies as well as oversight of shady debt collections and improper medical billing practices.

Under Biden, the CFPB called for medical debt to be removed from consumer credit reports and sought to rein in double and improper medical billing. The agency also has proposed setting limits on credit card late fees. Neither set of changes has gone into effect, and they are unlikely to be implemented before Trump takes office. And judging by Trump's first term, when the CFPB stalled previously proposed consumer protection initiatives and watered down other regulations, it is hard to imagine the new administration advancing these measures.

The proposed changes were among the most meaningful consumer protections to emerge during Biden's presidency. If adopted, they could lift credit scores for millions of Americans. Solid scores are vital to people's financial well-being, paving the way to obtaining a mortgage, buying a car, renting a home and accessing other consumer services.

The proposal to cap credit card late fees at $8, a significant decrease from the current punishing highs of $30 for a first offense and $41 for a second one, could save U.S. consumers an estimated $10 billion annually. It was set to go into effect this year but was blocked by an injunction from a federal judge in Texas. Notably, the judge was a Trump appointee.

Led by the current CFPB chief, Rohit Chopra, the agency implemented sensible restrictions on buy now, pay later services, including giving consumers protections when disputing charges and suggesting that BNPL data be reported to credit bureaus. But much more needs to be done in this area to prevent vulnerable consumers from being taken advantage of. A good place to start would be to raise the age minimum and income requirements to take out buy now, pay later loans, bringing the rules in alignment with the requirements for credit cards.

Sadly, the CFPB, in whatever form it survives in the next administration, probably won't be a strong advocate for those moves.

As regulators retreat, U.S. consumers will need to be vigilant in their banking practices. That includes reading the fine print of credit card agreements to understand that the cost of a missed payment might not only be a fee, but could be a sharply higher interest rate applied to the remaining balance. It means being diligent about paying at least the minimum owed by the due date to avoid incurring a costly late fee.

It's hard to imagine that Chopra, whose term ends in 2026, will remain at his post once Trump takes office. The law creating the CFPB sought to protect the agency's independence and insulate the director's role from changes in administrations. But the Trump administration brought a challenge to the law, and the Supreme Court ultimately gave the president the power to fire the CFPB director.

(In a glimmer of hope for the agency's future, the Supreme Court in a separate case upheld the mechanism that funds the CFPB, rejecting a challenge from the payday lending industry.)

It's possible the Trump administration will surprise us and at least push forward with the credit card fee rules, since regulators have already come so close to the end of that process. Putting billions of dollars back into the pockets of the public would certainly help people struggling with the cost of living.

Americans dissatisfied with their economic circumstances propelled Trump to victory this month. Perhaps the incoming president will seize the momentum and actually do something on their behalf.

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Can Donald Trump help resolve the conflicts in the Middle East?

By DANIEL DEPETRIS
Chicago Tribune

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Donald Trump talked a lot about inflation, immigration and crime during his two-year campaign for the presidency. Indeed, his third bid for the White House was predicated on those three issues. But Trump wasn't shy on another issue that has far less resonance with the American electorate generally: peace in the Middle East. On occasions, Trump talked about how the war in Gaza needed to end sooner rather than later and how the two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian issue was, in his words, going to be "very, very tough" to implement.

Nobody would dispute the final point. Resolving the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians has been the proverbial white whale of U.S. diplomacy stretching back to at least the George H. W. Bush era. President Bill Clinton had some success, striking the Oslo Accords between Israel and the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO). But that agreement, once synonymous with success, is now a byword for disappointment. Today, the West Bank remains under Israeli occupation, the Palestinian Authority is a laughingstock and Palestinian politicians are divided among themselves.

In his first term, Trump waited far too long before he released a plan for Middle East peace—and when he did, the draft was riddled with so many deficiencies that the Palestinians threw it into the trash.

To state the obvious, the Middle East has changed markedly since that plan was presented more than four years ago. Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023, assault in southern Israel tore apart the old rulebook U.S. administrations of both political parties operated with for so long. While U.S. officials still view the two-state solution as the best method for resolving the conflict, Israel's ongoing war with Hamas and the utter hate both sides have for one another makes any talk of a two-state solution downright delusional. Gaza is now a wasteland riddled with hunger, death, displacement and damage to infrastructure to the tune of$18.5 billion. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is opposed to a Palestinian state, as is a growing segment of the Israeli population.

Another war is playing out in Lebanon. The border skirmishes between Israel and Hezbollah have escalated into a full-scale conflict. About one-fifth of the Lebanese population has been displaced, and 60,000 or so Israelis are unable to return to their homes in northern Israel, a target of incessant Hezbollah drone and rocket attacks. Beirut's southern suburbs look as if they were struck by an earthquake. Israel is expanding the scope of its air campaign against Hezbollah, hitting targets far beyond the group's support base in southern Lebanon.

Meanwhile, another round of hostilities between Iran and Israel can't be discounted as Trump prepares to return to his old job. The two archenemies have taken their decadeslong shadow war to new heights. Tehran's Oct. 1 missile strike on Israel, which caused minor damage but still breached Israel's air defense network, opened up the floodgates for another round of Israeli retaliation, which came at the end of October. Israel hit multiple sites connected to Iran's air defense system and missile production facilities. After first downplaying the operation, Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said that a punishing Iranian response would be coming.

Trump, therefore, will reenter the White House in January with a Middle East mess he will have difficulty cleaning up. Can he actually resolve any of these conflicts? Given his tendency to regard himself as the world's most successful negotiator, Trump probably thinks he can. The reality, though, is that the issues have such a deep history that even the most talented diplomat might not have much luck.

The Iran-Israel dispute is incapable of resolution. Both states view the other as the principal reason the region is in such turmoil today. Netanyahu and Khamenei may be different on many levels, but both are stubborn to a fault. Neither one will offer big concessions to the other, and you can forget about Israeli or Iranian foreign policy changing to any significant degree. Israel thinks Iran wants to wipe it off the map, and Iran believes Israel wants to topple the Islamic Republic. The most that can be accomplished on this front is a de facto cease-fire, in which the competition is no longer as overt as it is right now.

In contrast, the war between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon can be resolved. U.S. envoy Amos Hochstein is submitting cease-fire drafts back and forth to the respective players and stated last week that " there is a shot" at a deal. Everybody knows what the general parameters of that prospective deal look like: Hezbollah would withdraw about 20 miles north of the Israeli-Lebanese border; the Lebanese army and United Nations peacekeepers would redeploy to the south to ensure compliance; Israel would withdraw its own troops from Lebanon; and the cease-fire would be monitored by a coalition of international powers. The big question is whether Israel will insist on enforcing the cease-fire, which Hezbollah is opposed to, or leave it up to the Lebanese army.

As it pertains to Gaza, Trump can forget about a deal anytime soon. Netanyahu is in no mood to settle with a terrorist group that killed 1,200 of Israel's citizens. His entire political survival depends on ultranationalist ministers who see any settlement that ends the war as surrender of the highest order. The most Netanyahu will offer is a temporary cessation of hostilities to get the remaining hostages out of Gaza. This isn't good enough for Hamas, which wants a permanent, guaranteed end to the war.

Prediction: Israel will be fighting a low-level conflict in Gaza throughout 2025.

I wouldn't want to be in Trump's shoes. Good luck to you, Mr. President-elect.

Turkey with Trumpers? Unless there are other problems, eat it and be glad

By MELINDA HENNEBERGER
The Kansas City Star

A friend recently showed me some messages she'd received from a couple of relatives, one of whom she had planned to see on Thanksgiving. Ostensibly, these were political messages, castigating her for her failure to support Donald Trump.

But really, they were just old-fashioned bullying—taunting, ridiculing, calling her names. She never answered in kind, though her tempered, mollifying and completely non-political responses only seemed to make these sore winners kick back all the more viciously.

Because she deserves better—and of course, we all do—I feel for her, torn between wanting to spend the holiday with family, because life is short, and wanting to spend it with those who, whatever their views, can manage to show some kindness, also because life is short. Whatever she decides will be the right answer.

Her situation is very different, though, from all of those who I see talking about cutting off everyone in their lives who voted for Trump. Many of my real life friends have said on social media how happy they are to be shed of all those fascists, and that as soon as they learn that someone they know voted for him, well then that person is dead to them.

Politically, Democrats will never learn anything that way, but then, many are not in a learning mood. The personal and communal loss is more devastating, though, even if they don't see it that way.

I also happen to consider the president-elect a menace who, if he keeps his promises, will wreck the economy with inflationary tariffs, hasten climate change, destroy our alliances, embolden our enemies and punish his. He seems determined to undermine our military, let a crackpot bring back measles and make loyalty oaths to him the only requirement for even the most important federal jobs. The man will harm not only immigrants but all Americans, and will turn the lights out in Ukraine.

But we should stop saying that Trump supporters voted for these outcomes, or even in spite of them, because they don't believe any of these things will happen, or see what's already happening that way. Yes, we are living in two realities, and no, that won't be addressed by avoiding all contact with those on the other planet.

So I'm still going to say, though nobody asked me, that I think all of those cutting off everyone in their lives who voted for Trump is making a mistake, both for themselves and for us as a country. I understand self-protection and self-care, but making blanket assumptions about the motivations of half of the country does not strike me as a very liberal thing to do. You can oppose his policies without writing off his people.

Maybe those so vociferous about doing so did not have a lot of contact with those who don't think like them to begin with: One 2020 poll showed that 24% of Democrats said they are not friends with even one person who holds very different views, compared to 20% of independents and 12% of Republicans. If this squeamishness is intended to avoid negative emotions, it's not working.

People voted for Trump for a lot of reasons, even if I think that most of those reasons boil down to what a conservative friend told me months ago about how she thought he'd win because there were just more mad people out there than sad people. Why that's the case will not become better understood by shunning all those who feel that way.

I grew up in a county in southern Illinois that went 76% for Trump this year, and while I vehemently disagree with the way the overwhelming majority there voted, I could never dismiss my former neighbors as a bunch of haters, because I know them and so know better.

My dad, the best man I ever knew, loved the guy, though if you ask me, they had nothing in common in terms of values. Most of my relatives on both sides of the family are Trump voters, and there is a lot more to them than their support for someone I see as a human wrecking ball.

They know what I think and vice versa, but it doesn't define us or our relationships, either, because what would that get us? A number of my conservative friends are Never Trump, and didn't feel that in good conscience they could vote for either nominee, and it's easy to talk politics with them.

Most, though not all, of my friends who did vote for him have never, so far as I know, voted for any Democrat, and I really can't see that changing. Not to say that we haven't had some heated exchanges, but what would I gain by losing lifelong friendships over these disagreements?

If tribalism is a problem, and it is, then retreating even further from people who don't think like us can't possibly be a solution.

So unless there are other issues, like the inexcusable cruelty shown to my friend in those text messages, then I say show up on Thanksgiving and give thanks that in America, we can at least for now still celebrate our differences.

When she lost her presidential race, Kamala Harris said that we don't only love our country when we win. And we don't only love our friends when they look or act or vote like we do.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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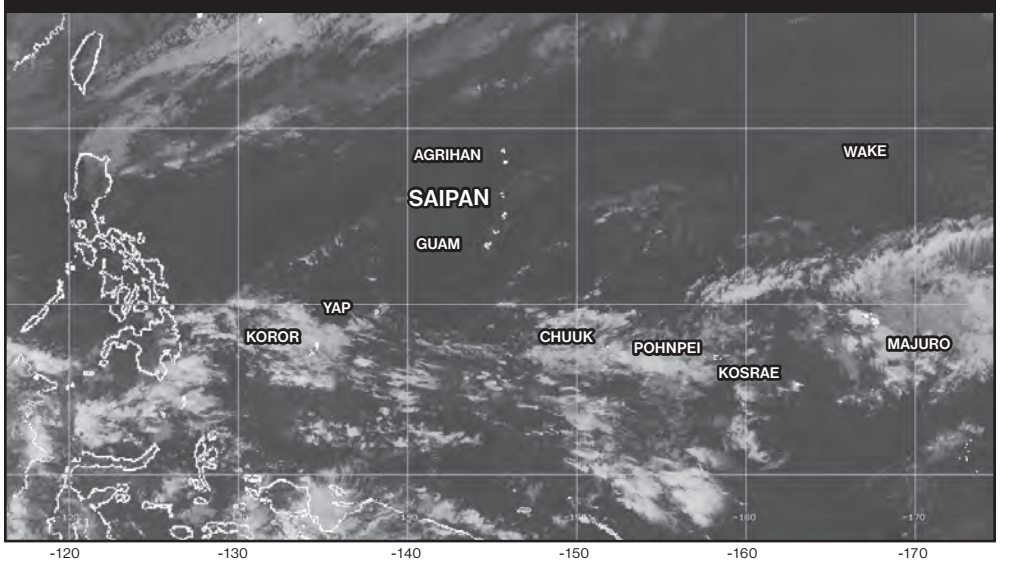

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Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: https://www.weather.gov/gum/

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Palau	Cloudy	84° / 78°
Yap	Partly Cloudy	86° / 79°
Chuuk	Cloudy	86° / 79°
Pohnpei	Cloudy	86° / 75°
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	86° / 76°
Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	85° / 80°

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Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	71° / 67°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	79° / 66°
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Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	72° / 53°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	91° / 78°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	61° / 48°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	78° / 72°
New York	Clear	54° / 45°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	62° / 48°
Paris	Showers	54° / 48°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	61° / 48°
Rome	Showers	61° / 54°
Salem	Sunny	61° / 42°
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	60° / 48°
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	57° / 31°
Tokyo	Sunny	59° / 45°
Washington, DC	Fair	59° / 47°

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Thursday	3:38 AM	3:27 PM	-
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UA824	1:20PM	4:00PM	1, 3, 5

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	5:55AM	7:55AM	Daily
UA183	7:55PM	9:50PM	Daily
UA193	7:55PM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Palau

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA076/183	9:50AM	9:50PM	Daily via Guam
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SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW308	2:30AM	6:25AM	Daily
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SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX77	3:05AM	5:55AM	1, 5

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:50AM	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

UA825	5:30PM	10:05PM	2, 4, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

UA184	00:40AM	6:25AM	3, 6
PR110	10:05PM	3:55AM+1	Daily
UA192	10:40PM	6:30AM+1	2, 5 via Palau
UA184	10:55PM	4:40AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

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Business

In S. Korea, nations meet in final round to address global plastic crisis

Negotiators gathered in Busan, South Korea, on Monday in a final push to create a treaty to address the global crisis of plastic pollution.

It's the fifth time the world's nations convene to craft a legally binding plastic pollution accord. In addition to the national delegations, representatives from the plastics industry, scientists and environmentalists have come to shape how the world tackles the surging problem.

"We must end plastic pollution before plastic pollution ends us," Kim Wansup, South Korea's minister of environment, said during the opening session.

The planet is " choking on plastic, " according to the United Nations. It's polluting lakes, rivers, oceans and people's bodies.

"Don't kick the can, or the plastic bottle, down the road," U.N. Environment Programme Executive Director Inger Andersen said in a message aimed at negotiators.

This "is an issue about the intergenerational justice of those generations that will come after us and be living with all this garbage. We can solve this and we must get it done in Busan," she said in an interview.

The previous four global meetings have revealed sharp differences in goals and interests. This week's talks go through Saturday.

Led by Norway and Rwanda, 66 countries plus the European Union say they want to address the total amount of plastic on Earth by controlling design, production, consumption and where plastic ends up. The delegation from the hard-hit island nation of Micronesia helped lead an effort to call more attention to "unsustainable" plastic production, called the Bridge to Busan. Island nations are grappling with vast amounts of other countries' plastic waste washing up on their shores.

AP

Environment activists stage a rally calling for a strong global plastics treaty ahead of the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution which sets to be held from Nov. 25 to Dec. 1 in Busan, South Korea, Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024.

"We think it's the heart of the treaty, to go upstream and to get to the problem at its source," said Dennis Clare, legal advisor and plastics negotiator for Micronesia. "There's a tagline, 'You can't recycle your way out of this problem.'"

Some plastic-producing and oil and gas countries, including Saudi Arabia, disagree. They vigorously oppose any limits on plastic manufacturing. Most plastic is made from fossil fuels. Saudi Arabia is the world's largest exporter of primary polypropylene, a common type of plastic, accounting for an estimated 17% of exports last year, according to the Plastics Industry Association.

China, the United States and Germany led the global plastics trade by exports and imports in 2023, the association said.

The plastics industry has been advocating for a treaty focused on redesigning plastic products, recycling and reuse, sometimes referred to as "circularity." Chris Jahn, International Council of Chemical Associations secretariat, said negotiators should focus on ending plastic waste in the environment, not plastic production, to get a deal. Many countries won't join a treaty if it includes production caps, he said.

To continue to progress and grow as a global economy, there are going to be more plastics, Jahn added.

"So we should strive then to keep those plastics in the economy and out of the environment," Jahn said.

The United States delegation at first said countries should develop their own plans to act, a position viewed as favoring industry. It changed its position this summer, saying the U.S. is open to considering global targets for reductions in plastic production.

Environmental groups accused the U.S. of backtracking as negotiations approached.

Center for Coalfield Justice executive director Sarah Martik said the United States is standing on the sidelines rather than leading, putting "their thumb on the scale throughout the entirety of the negotiations." She hopes this does not derail other countries' ambition.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released a national strategy to prevent plastic pollution Thursday, but Martik said she thinks too many of the measures are voluntary to make a difference.

Democratic U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley, of Oregon, said it's a mistake for the United States to settle for the lowest common denominator proposals, just to get some kind of agreement.

Luis Vayas Valdivieso, the committee chair from Ecuador, recently proposed text for sections where he thinks the delegations could agree.

The production and use of plastics globally is set to reach 736 million tons by 2040, up 70% from 2020, without policy changes, according to the intergovernmental Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Research published in Science this month found it is still possible to nearly end plastic pollution. The policies that make the most difference are: mandating new products be made with 40% post-consumer recycled plastic; limiting new plastic production to 2020 levels; investing significantly in plastic waste management, such as landfills and waste collection services and implementing a small fee on plastic packaging.

The treaty is the only way to solve plastic pollution at this scale, said Douglas McCauley, professor at UC Santa Barbara and UC Berkeley. McCauley co-led the research.

Margaret Spring, chief conservation and science officer for Monterey Bay Aquarium, said plastic pollution used to be considered largely a waste problem. Now it is widely viewed as an existential crisis that must be addressed, said Spring, who represents the International Science Council at the negotiations.

"I've never seen people's understanding of this issue move as fast, given how complex the topic is," she said. "It gives me hope that we can actually start moving the dial." ***(AP)***

Rising price of paying national debt is a risk for Trump's promises on growth, inflation

WASHINGTON (AP)—Donald Trump has big plans for the economy—and a big debt problem that will be a hurdle to delivering on them.

Trump has bold ideas on tax cuts, tariffs and other programs, but high interest rates and the price of repaying the federal government's existing debt could limit what he's able to do.

Not only is the federal debt at roughly $36 trillion, but the spike in inflation after the coronavirus pandemic has pushed up the government's borrowing costs such that debt service next year will easily exceed spending on national security.

The higher cost of servicing the debt gives Trump less room to maneuver with the federal budget as he seeks income tax cuts. It's also a political challenge because higher interest rates have made it costlier for many Americans to buy a home or new automobile. And the issue of high costs helped Trump reclaim the presidency in November's election.

"It's clear the current amount of debt is putting upward pressure on interest rates, including mortgage rates for instance," said Shai Akabas, executive director of the economic policy program at the Bipartisan Policy Center. "The cost of housing and groceries is going to be increasingly felt by households in a way that are going to adversely affect our economic prospects in the future."

Akabas stressed that the debt service is already starting to crowd out government spending on basic needs such as infrastructure and education. About 1 in 5 dollars spent by the government are now repaying investors for borrowed money, instead of enabling investments in future economic growth.

It's an issue on Trump's radar. In his statement on choosing billionaire investor Scott Bessent to be his treasury secretary, the Republican president-elect said Bessent would "help curb the unsustainable path of Federal Debt."

The debt service costs along with the higher total debt complicate Trump's efforts to renew his 2017 tax cuts, much of which are set to expire after next year. The higher debt from those tax cuts could push interest rates higher, making debt service even costlier and minimizing any benefits the tax cuts could produce for growth.

"Clearly, it's irresponsible to run back the same tax cuts after the deficit has tripled," said Brian Riedl, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute and a former Republican congressional aide. "Even congressional Republicans behind the scenes are looking for ways to scale down the president's ambitions."

Democrats and many economists say Trump's income tax cuts disproportionately benefit the wealthy, which deprives the government of revenues needed for programs for the middle class and poor.

"The president-elect's tax policy ideas will increase the deficit because they will decrease taxes for those with the highest ability to pay, such as the corporations whose tax rate he's proposed reducing even further to 15%," said Jessica Fulton, vice president of policy at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a Washington-based think tank that deals with issues facing communities of color.

Trump's team insists he can make the math work.

"The American people re-elected President Trump by a resounding margin giving him a mandate to implement the promises he made on the campaign trail, including lowering prices. He will deliver," said Karoline Leavitt, the Trump transition spokeswoman.

When Trump was last in the White House in 2020, the federal government was spending $345 billion annually to service the national debt. It was possible to run up the national debt with tax cuts and pandemic aid because the average interest rate was low, such that repayment costs were manageable even as debt levels climbed.

Congressional Budget Office projections indicate that debt service costs next year could exceed $1 trillion. That's more than projected spending on defense. The total is also greater than nondefense spending on infrastructure, food aid and other programs under the direction of Congress.

Nation

Trump tapping Project 2025 authors, influencers for key roles

WASHINGTON (AP)—As a former and potentially future president, Donald Trump hailed what would become Project 2025 as a road map for "exactly what our movement will do" with another crack at the White House.

As the blueprint for a hard-right turn in America became a liability during the 2024 campaign, Trump pulled an about-face. He denied knowing anything about the "ridiculous and abysmal" plans written in part by his first-term aides and allies.

Now, after being elected the 47th president on Nov. 5, Trump is stocking his second administration with key players in the detailed effort he temporarily shunned. Most notably, Trump has tapped Russell Vought for an encore as director of the Office of Management and Budget; Tom Homan, his former immigration chief, as "border czar;" and immigration hardliner Stephen Miller as deputy chief of policy.

Those moves have accelerated criticisms from Democrats who warn that Trump's election hands government reins to movement conservatives who spent years envisioning how to concentrate power in the West Wing and impose a starkly rightward shift across the U.S. government and society.

Trump and his aides maintain that he won a mandate to overhaul Washington. But they maintain the specifics are his alone.

"President Trump never had anything to do with Project 2025," said Trump spokeswoman Karoline Leavitt in a statement. "All of President Trumps' Cabinet nominees and appointments are wholeheartedly committed to President Trump's agenda, not the agenda of outside groups."

Here is a look at what some of Trump's choices portend for his second presidency.

As budget chief, Vought envisions a sweeping, powerful perch

The Office of Management and Budget director, a role Vought held under Trump previously and requires Senate confirmation, prepares a president's proposed budget and is generally responsible for implementing the administration's agenda across agencies.

The job is influential but Vought made clear as author of a Project 2025 chapter on presidential authority that he wants the post to wield more direct power.

"The Director must view his job as the best, most comprehensive approximation of the President's mind," Vought wrote. The OMB, he wrote, "is a President's air-traffic control system" and should be "involved in all aspects of the White House policy process," becoming "powerful enough to override implementing agencies' bureaucracies."

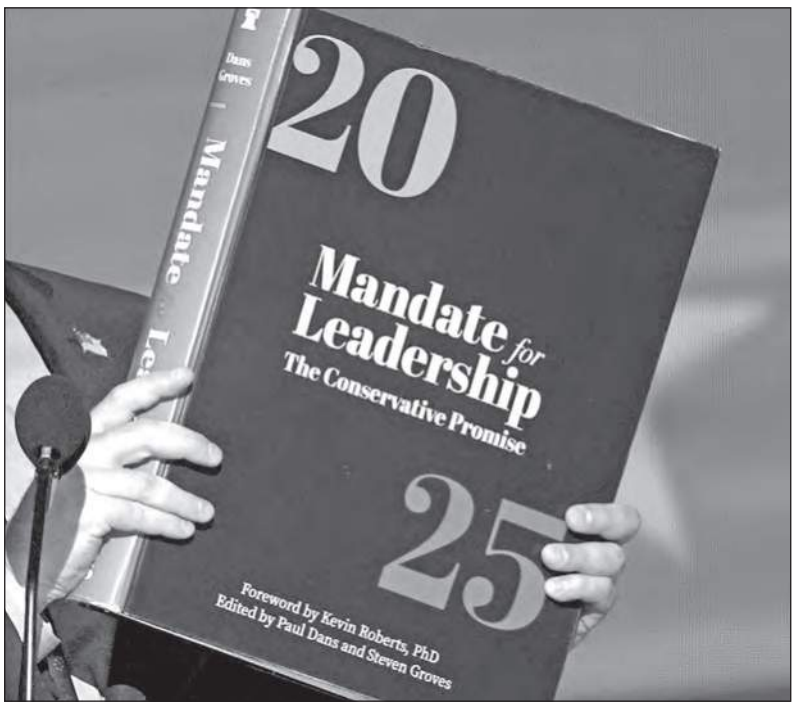
Trump did not go into such details when naming Vought but implicitly endorsed aggressive action. Vought, the president-elect said, "knows exactly how to dismantle the Deep State"—Trump's catch-all for federal bureaucracy—and would help "restore fiscal sanity."

In June, speaking on former Trump aide Steve Bannon's "War Room" podcast, Vought relished the potential tension: "We're not going to save our country without a little confrontation."

Vought could help Musk and Trump remake government's role and scope

The strategy of further concentrating federal authority in the presidency permeates Project 2025's and Trump's campaign proposals. Vought's vision is especially striking when paired with Trump's proposals to dramatically expand the president's control over federal workers and government purse strings—ideas intertwined with the president-elect tapping megabillionaire Elon Musk and venture capitalist Vivek Ramaswamy to lead a "Department of Government Efficiency."

Trump in his first term sought to remake the federal civil service by reclassifying tens of thousands of federal civil service workers—who have job protection through changes in administration—as political appointees, making them easier to fire and replace with loyalists. Currently, only about 4,000 of the federal government's roughly 2 million workers are political appointees. President Joe Biden rescinded Trump's changes. Trump can now reinstate them.



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A copy of Project 2025 is held during the Democratic National Convention, Aug. 21, 2024, in Chicago.

Meanwhile, Musk's and Ramaswamy's sweeping "efficiency" mandates from Trump could turn on an old, defunct constitutional theory that the president—not Congress—is the real gatekeeper of federal spending. In his "Agenda 47," Trump endorsed so-called "impoundment," which holds that when lawmakers pass appropriations bills, they simply set a spending ceiling, but not a floor. The president, the theory holds, can simply decide not to spend money on anything he deems unnecessary.

Vought did not venture into impoundment in his Project 2025 chapter. But, he wrote, "The President should use every possible tool to propose and impose fiscal discipline on the federal government. Anything short of that would constitute abject failure."

Trump's choice immediately sparked backlash.

"Russ Vought is a far-right ideologue who has tried to break the law to give President Trump unilateral authority he does not possess to override the spending decisions of Congress (and) who has and will again fight to give Trump the ability to summarily fire tens of thousands of civil servants," said Sen. Patty Murray of Washington, a Democrat and outgoing Senate Appropriations chairwoman.

Reps. Jamie Raskin of Maryland and Melanie Stansbury of New Mexico, leading Democrats on the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability, said Vought wants to "dismantle the expert federal workforce" to the detriment of Americans who depend on everything from veterans' health care to Social Security benefits.

"Pain itself is the agenda," they said.

Homan and Miller reflect Trump's and Project 2025's immigration overlap

Trump's protests about Project 2025 always glossed over overlaps in the two agendas. Both want to reimpose Trump-era immigration limits. Project 2025 includes a litany of detailed proposals for various U.S. immigration statutes, executive branch rules and agreements with other countries—reducing the number of refugees, work visa recipients and asylum seekers, for example.

Miller is one of Trump's longest-serving advisers and architect of his immigration ideas, including his promise of the largest deportation force in U.S. history. As deputy policy chief, which is not subject to Senate confirmation, Miller would remain in Trump's West Wing inner circle.

"America is for Americans and Americans only," Miller said at Trump's Madison Square Garden rally on Oct. 27.

"America First Legal," Miller's organization founded as an ideological counter to the American Civil Liberties Union, was listed as an advisory group to Project 2025 until Miller asked that the name be removed because of negative attention.

Homan, a Project 2025 named contributor, was an acting U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement director during Trump's first presidency, playing a key role in what became known as Trump's "family separation policy."

Previewing Trump 2.0 earlier this year, Homan said: "No one's off the table. If you're here illegally, you better be looking over your shoulder."

Project 2025 contributors slated for CIA and Federal Communications chiefs

John Ratcliffe, Trump's pick to lead the CIA, was previously one of Trump's directors of national intelligence. He is a Project 2025 contributor. The document's chapter on U.S. intelligence was written by Dustin Carmack, Ratcliffe's chief of staff in the first Trump administration.

Reflecting Ratcliffe's and Trump's approach, Carmack declared the intelligence establishment too cautious. Ratcliffe, like the chapter attributed to Carmack, is hawkish toward China. Throughout the Project 2025 document, Beijing is framed as a U.S. adversary that cannot be trusted.

Brendan Carr, the senior Republican on the Federal Communications Commission, wrote Project 2025's FCC chapter and is now Trump's pick to chair the panel. Carr wrote that the FCC chairman "is empowered with significant authority that is not shared" with other FCC members. He called for the FCC to address "threats to individual liberty posed by corporations that are abusing dominant positions in the market," specifically "Big Tech and its attempts to drive diverse political viewpoints from the digital town square."

He called for more stringent transparency rules for social media platforms like Facebook and YouTube and "empower consumers to choose their own content filters and fact checkers, if any."

Carr and Ratcliffe would require Senate confirmation for their posts.

Forecasts warn of possible winter storms across US during Thanksgiving week

WINDSOR, Calif. (AP)—Another round of wintry weather could complicate travel leading up to the Thanksgiving holiday, according to forecasts across the U.S., while California and Washington state continue to recover from storm damage and power outages.

In California, where two people were found dead in floodwaters on Saturday, authorities braced for more rain while grappling with flooding and small landslides from a previous storm.

The National Weather Service office in Sacramento, California, issued a winter storm warning for the Sierra Nevada through Tuesday, with heavy snow expected at higher elevations and wind gusts potentially reaching 55 mph (88 kph). Total snowfall of roughly 4 feet (1.2 meters) was forecast, with the heaviest accumulations expected Monday and Tuesday.

The Midwest and Great Lakes regions will see rain and snow Monday and the East Coast will be the most impacted on Thanksgiving and Black Friday, forecasters said.

A low pressure system is forecast to bring rain to the Southeast early Thursday before heading to the Northeast. Areas from Boston to New York could see rain and breezy conditions, with snowfall possible in parts of northern New Hampshire, northern Maine and the Adirondacks. If the system tracks further inland, there could be less snow and more rain in the mountains, forecasters said.

"The system doesn't look like a powerhouse right now," Hayden Frank, a meteorologist with the weather service in Massachusetts, said Sunday. "Basically, this is going to bring rain to the I-95 corridor so travelers should prepare for wet weather. Unless the system trends a lot colder, it looks like rain."

Frank said he isn't seeing any major storm systems arriving for the weekend anywhere in the country so travelers heading home Sunday can expect good driving conditions. Temperatures, however, will get colder in the East while warming up out West.

Life & Style

‘Wicked’ and ‘Gladiator’ make gravity-defying theater debuts

NEW YORK (AP)—With a combined $270 million in worldwide ticket sales, “Wicked” and “Gladiator II” breathed fresh life into a box office that has struggled lately, leading to one of the busiest moviegoing weekends of the year.

Jon M. Chu’s lavish big-budget musical “Wicked,” starring Ariana Grande and Cynthia Erivo, debuted with $114 million domestically and $164.2 million globally for Universal Pictures, according to studio estimates Sunday. That made it the third-biggest opening weekend of the year, behind only “Deadpool & Wolverine” and “Inside Out 2.” It’s also a record for a Broadway musical adaptation.

Ridley Scott’s “Gladiator II,” a sequel to his 2000 best picture-winning original, launched with $55.5 million in ticket sales. With a price tag of around $250 million to produce it, “Gladiator II” was a big bet by Paramount Pictures to return to the Coliseum with a largely new cast, led by Denzel Washington and Paul Mescal. While it opened with a touch less than the $60 million predicted in domestic ticket sales, “Gladiator II” has performed well overseas. It added $50.5 million internationally.

The collision of the two movies led to some echoes of the “Barbenheimer” effect of last year, when “Barbie” and “Oppenheimer” launched simultaneously. The nickname this time, “Glicked,” wasn’t quite as catchy and the cultural imprint was also notably less. Few people sought out a double feature this time. The domestic grosses in 2023 – $162 million for “Barbie” and $82 million for “Oppenheimer” – were also higher.

AP

This image released by Universal Pictures shows Cynthia Erivo, left, and Ariana Grande in a scene from the film “Wicked.”

“Glicked” falls short of “Barbenheimer”

For Universal, which distributed “Oppenheimer” last year, the weekend was more a triumph of “Wicked” than it was of “Glicked.”

“We saw an opportunity to dominate a weekend and get a very large running start into the Thanksgiving holiday,” said Jim Orr, distribution chief for Universal. “We’re very confident that it will play ridiculously well through the Christmas corridor and into the new year.”

But the counter-programming effect was still potent for “Wicked” and “Gladiator II,” which likewise split broadly along gender lines. And it was again the female-leaning release—“Wicked,” like “Barbie” before it—that easily won the weekend. About 72% of ticket buyers for “Wicked” were female, while 61% of those seeing “Gladiator II” were male.

“Standing on their own, each of these movies may have done pretty much what they did, but it’s hard to know,” said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for Comscore. “Raising awareness can indeed lead to an increase in box office. Let’s put it this way: They didn’t hurt each other at all.”

Chuck Woolery, smooth-talking game show host of ‘Love Connection’ and ‘Scrabble,’ dies at 83

NEW YORK (AP)—Chuck Woolery, the affable, smooth-talking game show host of “Wheel of Fortune,” “Love Connection” and “Scrabble” who later became a right-wing podcaster, skewering liberals and accusing the government of lying about COVID-19, has died. He was 83.

Mark Young, Woolery’s podcast co-host and friend, said in an email early Sunday that Woolery died at his home in Texas with his wife, Kristen, present. “Chuck was a dear friend and brother and a tremendous man of faith, life will not be the same without him,” Young wrote.

Woolery, with his matinee idol looks, coiffed hair and ease with witty banter, was inducted into the American TV Game Show Hall of Fame in 2007 and earned a daytime Emmy nomination in 1978.

In 1983, Woolery began an 11-year run as host of TV’s “Love Connection,” for which he coined the phrase, “We’ll be back in two minutes and two seconds,” a two-fingered signature dubbed the “2 and 2.” In 1984, he hosted TV’s “Scrabble,” simultaneously hosting two game shows on TV until 1990.

“Love Connection,” which aired long before the dawn of dating apps, had a premise that featured either a single man or single woman who would watch audition tapes of three potential mates and then pick one for a date.

A couple of weeks after the date, the guest would sit with Woolery in front of a studio audience and tell everybody about the date. The audience would vote on the three contestants, and if the audience agreed with the guest’s choice, “Love Connection” would offer to pay for a second date.

Woolery told The Philadelphia Inquirer in 2003 that his favorite set of lovebirds was a man aged 91 and a woman aged 87. “She had so much eye makeup on, she looked like a stolen Corvette. He was so old he said, ‘I remember wagon trains.’ The poor guy. She took him on a balloon ride.”

AP

Chuck Woolery hosts a special premiere of the “$250,000 Game Show Spectacular” at the Las Vegas Hilton Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, in Las Vegas.

Other career highlights included hosting the shows “Lingo,” “Greed” and “The Chuck Woolery Show,” as well as hosting the short-lived syndicated revival of “The Dating Game” from 1998 to 2000 and an ill-fated 1991 talk show. In 1992, he played himself in two episodes of TV’s “Melrose Place.”

Woolery became the subject of the Game Show Network’s first attempt at a reality show, “Chuck Woolery: Naturally Stoned,” which premiered in 2003. It shared the title of the pop song in 1968 by Woolery and his rock group, the Avant-Garde. It lasted six episode and was panned by critics.

Woolery began his TV career at a show that has become a mainstay. Although most associated with Pat Sajak and Vanna White, “Wheel of Fortune” debuted Jan. 6, 1975, on NBC with Woolery welcoming contestants and the audience. Woolery, then 33, was trying to make it in Nashville as a singer.

“Wheel of Fortune” started life as “Shopper’s Bazaar,” incorporating Hangman-style puzzles and a roulette wheel. After Woolery appeared on “The Merv Griffin Show” singing “Delta Dawn,” Merv Griffin asked him to host the new show with Susan Stafford.

Husband becomes roadblock to a redecorating revival

DEAR ABBY: I’ve been with my husband for 10 years. For a long time, I didn’t decorate our house because I didn’t want to spend the money. But for the last few years, I’ve spent many hours poring over Pinterest. I LOVE interior decorating and know exactly how I want each room of the house to look.

The problem is my husband. I once tried to buy a new shower curtain. It was a huge debacle because he didn’t like the one I’d chosen. Abby, I have done my homework. How do I convince my husband to give me free rein in decorating? I’m afraid every paint color and every piece of furniture is going to be an argument, and I’m so discouraged I don’t even try.

We’ve had the same curtains, bedding and dining room table for years, and our house is very ugly. Should I just start making changes without consulting him? Should I sit him down and talk to him? Is it fair of me to not take his preferences into account?

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DEAR FRUSTRATED: By all means, discuss this with your husband before making any changes. Under no circumstances should you make any without consulting him. It would be extremely unfair to ignore his opinion. Some compromises will have to be made. The least contentious way to accomplish this would be with the help of a professional decorator who can take both your preferences into account and help you to blend them.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 16 years, together for 22. He’s the love of my life, my sunshine and roses. He’s a great husband and an even better father.

You are probably wondering why on earth I’m writing to you. Well, his teeth are disgusting. They are stained, chipped and just gross. He is overcoming some self-esteem issues regarding his weight. He has lost a good bit, and I’m super proud of him, but how do I say, “Great job! But there’s still something wrong with you”?

For the record, his weight means nothing to me. I never pushed him to be “slim” or “buff,” but rather to be healthy and have enough stamina to keep up with our kids and get off the CPAP machine. Money and the dental expenses aren’t an issue, but he would rather spend extra money doing fun things as a family, making memories and having adventures, which is great. I just wish he could have a nice smile while doing it. Advice?

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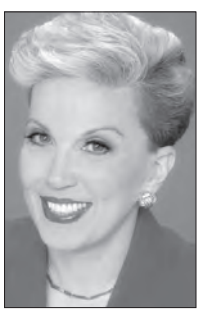

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DEAR NOT QUITE: Because your husband’s teeth are a turn-off, you are going to have to address the problem. Wait until he is at or near his goal weight, then tell him that although you adore him, you would find him more kissable if he would deal with his dental issue. Tell him that putting it off may make the problem more difficult to fix. Your family dentist may be able to help or refer him to a good cosmetic dentist.

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Calvin and Hobbes

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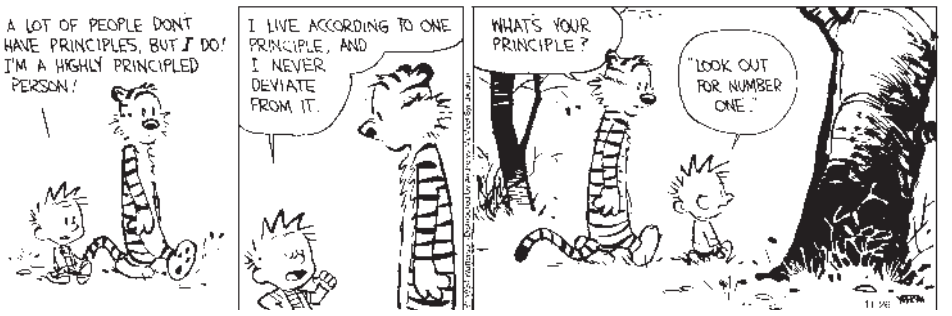
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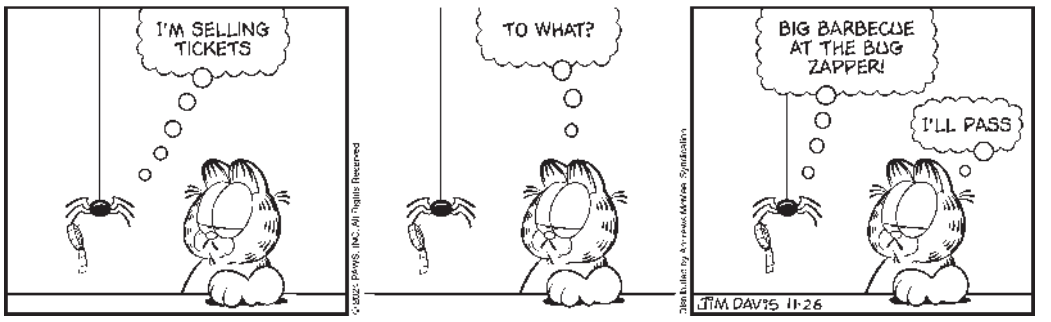

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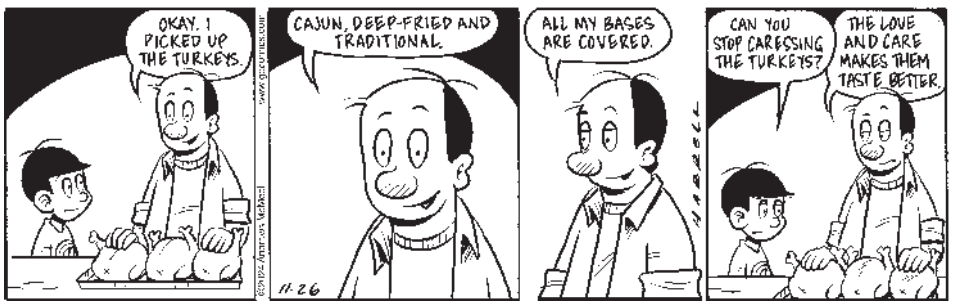
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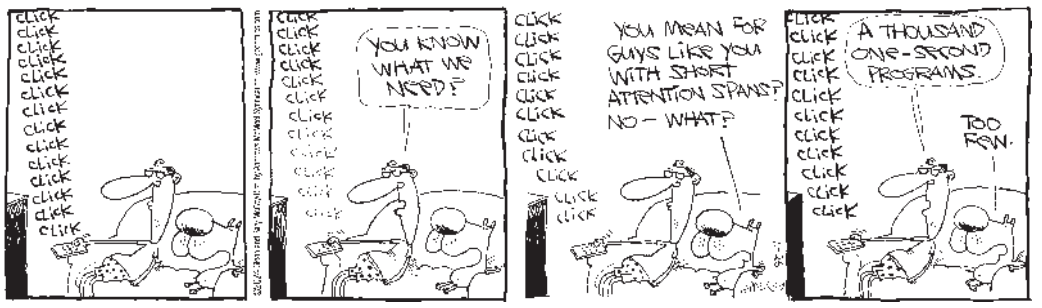

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Ship's staff
5 Coffee holder
8 Play area
12 Medal recipient
13 "— you kidding?"
14 Follow orders
15 "Star Wars" actor El-Masry
16 Trifling
18 Deli sandwich extras
20 November tally
21 Listening device
22 Dress edge
23 Warning
26 "Guernica" painter
30 Guitar master Paul
31 Museum purchase
32 Cassis cocktail
33 Hot and spicy
36 Backbone
38 Misery
39 Avril follower
40 Perspire
43 Park outings
47 Protested during a strike
49 Small combo
50 Initial chip
51 Goat's plaint
52 Pianist Gilels
53 Inert gas
54 Tax-collecting org.
55 Incursion

DOWN

1 Bloke
2 Notes after "do"
3 Idle or Clapton
4 Jobholder
5 Prank
6 "Topaz" author
7 Chest muscle
8 Grammy-winning cellist
9 Border on
10 Painter Magritte
11 Turns blue?
17 Opposite of "sans"
19 Back muscle, briefly
22 Chart-topping song
23 Jungfrau, for one
24 Floral necklace
25 Computer key
26 Season opener?
27 Enjoy Aspen
28 Fall from grace
29 Miner's quest
31 Consumed
34 Rouse
35 Part of a chord
36 Pouch
37 Playwright Harold
39 Gold-loving king
40 Bridge
41 Napa Valley product
42 Outside (Pref.)
43 Bartlett, for one
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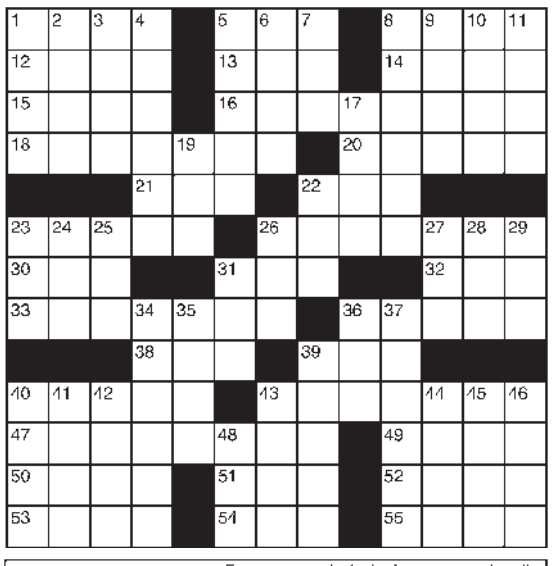

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Peter Facinelli, 51; Garcelle Beauvais, 58; John McVie, 79; Rich Little, 86.

Happy Birthday: Double-check before signing off on something. Maintaining a stellar reputation will lead to opportunities and connect you to like-minded people who can help you achieve your dreams. A partnership may tempt you, but do your due diligence before you agree to embed yourself with someone who presents well but lacks substance. Patience will be necessary if you want to avoid setbacks due to outside influences or poor choices. Your numbers are 4, 10, 17, 22, 34, 39, 47.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Pay attention to where your money goes. Hidden costs will leave you vulnerable while traveling, paying for advice or knowledge, or investing in something you know little about. Look at the big picture, take advantage of free mental resources and put your energy into personal gain and self-improvement. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Making a last-minute change is okay. Refuse to let anyone bully you into adhering to their demands. Let your actions speak for you and lunge forward with a confident plan you can offer to gain support. Trust your instincts and refuse to let anyone goad you into an argument. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Excess is the enemy. Weigh the pros and cons before you delve into something you don't need, don't want or can't benefit from. Refuse to let anyone lure you down a path that turns you into a helping hand while someone else takes home the prize. Take control and be happy. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Put your power of persuasion to good use, and you'll convince others to pitch in and help you reach your goal. Keep an eye on anyone who lacks common sense or wants you to overspend on something you can do without. Embrace love with passion, not jealousy. ✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Get off the fence and into the nitty-gritty of making things happen that improve your life. Socialize, network and share your thoughts with people who can offer a unique perspective, and then fine-tune the information to fit your budget and needs. Opportunity begins with you using your resources thriftily. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* You'll be drawn to someone charismatic and bold who tends to exaggerate. Make fact-checking part of your routine and question any quote you receive for self- or home improvement. A change will do you good, but first research and devise a plan you can afford. Romance is in the stars. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Explore what's available to you and expand your knowledge before discussing options with someone you are considering hiring or working alongside. Having a plan will help you maintain control of a situation that can easily take on a life of its own. Stick to your budget. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Accidents happen when you take on too much, act in haste and don't leave yourself enough wiggle room to backtrack. Look at every possibility before you agree to anything, and don't hesitate to gather information and continue by yourself. The less outside influence, the better the results. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* When in doubt, stay put. Refrain from letting anyone talk you into something risky or lacking dimension. Stick to basics, proclaim the truth and offer only what's doable. A common-sense approach to life, love and happiness will not disappoint. Live up to your promises and do a good job. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Redefine your purpose and what you enjoy most and incorporate it into your daily routine. Happiness is the prerequisite to doing the right thing at the right time for yourself. Put your energy where it counts and brings the highest returns, and positive change will unfold. ✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Stay on top of what's happening around you. A sudden move will turn out differently than anticipated. Spare yourself time, money and disappointment by slowing things down, setting a budget you can live with and using your intelligence and skills to reach your destination without unnecessary expense. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Gratitude and attitude are necessary. Avoid letting someone lead you astray. Stop giving other people the jurisdiction over what happens. Be the leader and use your insight to make your dreams come true. You can't buy love, but you can say no to manipulation or risky financial maneuvers. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are charming, helpful and popular. You are emotional and entertaining.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Yesterday's Answer

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8	4	1	6	5	7	9	3	2
7	5	6	3	2	9	4	8	1
3	9	2	4	8	1	6	5	7

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

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Yesterday's Answer: Gosford Park

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Late-game rally derailed by missed extra point and Cowboys stun Commanders

LANDOVER, Md. (AP)—Austin Seibert missed his second extra point of the game with 21 seconds left after Jayden Daniels and Terry McLaurin connected on an 86-yard touchdown, Juanyeh Thomas returned the ensuing onside kick attempt for a touchdown and the Dallas Cowboys pulled out a 34-26 victory Sunday that extended the Washington Commanders' skid to three games.

Seibert, who missed the previous two games with a right hip injury, was wide left on the point-after attempt following a low snap. Thomas then took the kick back 43 yards as the Cowboys (4-7) ended their losing streak at five in improbable fashion.

Part of that was the play of backup Cooper Rush, who threw for 247 yards and two TDs in his third start in place of starter Dak Prescott. Part was also the defense forcing two turnovers, as Chauncey Golston ripped the ball out of Brian Robinson Jr.'s hands for what was called an interception of Daniels in the second quarter, and Donovan Wilson stripped John Bates midway through the fourth.

KaVonte Turpin provided the fireworks with a spinning, 99-yard kickoff return TD seconds after Daniels found Zach Ertz in the end zone and scored on a 2-point conversion to cut the deficit to three with 3:02 left. In the final three minutes alone, the Commanders (7-5) scored 10 points and allowed Thomas' TD.

All that after the score was 10-9 through three quarters before madness ensued.

AP

Dallas Cowboys safety Juanyeh Thomas (30) celebrates after scoring a 43-yard touchdown off a kickoff return during the second half of an NFL football game against the Washington Commanders, Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024, in Landover, Md.

CHIEFS 30, PANTHERS 27

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—Patrick Mahomes threw for 269 yards and three touchdowns, Spencer Shrader kicked a 31-yard field goal as time expired and Kansas City beat Carolina to reach double-digit wins for the 10th straight season.

Noah Gray caught two TD passes as the Chiefs (10-1) bounced back from last week's 30-21 loss at Buffalo and won at the buzzer yet again in a season of narrow escapes. DeAndre Hopkins also had a touchdown catch for the two-time defending Super Bowl champions, who scored on their first five possessions.

Bryce Young finished 21 of 35 for 262 yards and a touchdown for the Panthers (3-8), who had their two-game winning streak snapped. David Moore had six receptions for 80 yards and a touchdown.

Trailing 27-19, Young completed a fourth-down pass to Adam Thielen to move the chains, then went deep for the veteran receiver, who drew a pass-interference penalty on Chamarri Conner. That set up a 1-yard touchdown run by Chuba Hubbard.

LIONS 24, COLTS 6

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Jahmyr Gibbs rushed for two scores and David Montgomery added a third touchdown run, leading Detroit to a victory over Indianapolis.

Gibbs finished with 21 carries for 90 yards as the Lions (10-1) extended their league-high winning streak to nine straight. Detroit has its been 11-game record since the franchise's inaugural season in 1934.

Jared Goff continued his sensational season, too, completing 26 of 36 throws for 269 yards.

The Colts (5-7) lost their second straight home game and for the fourth time in their past five games. Anthony Richardson was 11 of 28 with 172 yards while rushing 10 times for 61 yards.

While Indy managed to hold the NFL's highest-scoring offense largely in check Sunday, it was doomed by its inability to finish drives with touchdowns.

BUCCANEERS 30, GIANTS 7

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—Baker Mayfield catapulted into the end zone on a spectacular 10-yard scramble for one of Tampa Bay's four rushing touchdowns, and the Buccaneers beat the Giants and new starting quarterback Tommy DeVito, snapping a four-game losing streak and extending New York's skid to six.

The Giants' decisions this week to bench and then release quarterback Daniel Jones did nothing to help the NFL's lowest-scoring offense. DeVito threw for 189 yards, mostly in the second half with New York well on its way to its sixth straight loss at home, where it is winless.

Meanwhile, the Buccaneers dominated in every phase in a near-perfect perfect performance that featured TD runs of 1 yard by Sean Tucker, 6 yards by Bucky Irving and 1 yard by Rachaad White. After recent losses to the Ravens, 49ers and Chiefs, Tampa Bay (5-6) moved within one game of idle Atlanta in the NFC South.

Tampa Bay scored on five of its on first six possessions to open a 30-0 lead, and none was more exciting than Mayfield's TD run with 12 seconds left in the first half. On a second-and-goal from the 10, he avoided pressure and went for the end zone. He was hit by Cor'Dale Flott low and Dru Phillips high around the 2-yard line, and he was airborne when he crossed the goal line. The ball came loose when he hit the turf but he jumped up and flexed—seemingly mocking DeVito's go-to celebration—as the Bucs took a 23-0 lead.

DOLPHINS 34, PATRIOTS 15

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP)—Tua Tagovailoa threw for 317 yards and four touchdowns, including two scores to running back De'Von Achane, and Miami routed New England.

The Dolphins (5-6) have a thin margin for error the rest of the season but have kept themselves afloat with a three-game winning streak. With their win at New England (3-9) in Week 5, the Dolphins have swept their division rivals in consecutive seasons for the first time since 1999-2000.

Tagovailoa, who moved to 7-0 in his career against New England, entered the game with a league-high 73.4% completion rate and went 29 for 40.

Backup Skylar Thompson replaced Tagovailoa with about 11 minutes left in what was already a blowout, but a bad handoff on his first play resulted in a fumble that was recovered by cornerback Christian Gonzalez and returned 63 yards for a touchdown. It cut New England's deficit to 31-15, and Tagovailoa returned the next drive.

TITANS 32, TEXANS 27

HOUSTON (AP)—Will Levis threw for 278 yards and his 70-yard touchdown pass to Chig Okonkwo put Tennessee on top in the fourth quarter and the Titans held on for a win over the Texans.

Okonkwo grabbed a short pass and rumbled for the touchdown to put the Titans (3-8) up 30-27 with 9½ minutes remaining. Safety Eric Murray missed a tackle that would have stopped him near midfield.

The Texans (7-5) had a chance to tie it with less than two minutes remaining, but Ka'imi Fairbairn's 28-yard field-goal attempt sailed wide left. He fell to the ground after the miss before getting up and slamming his helmet on the field.

Titans coach Brian Callahan held both hands in the air and smiled after watching the miss that allowed his team to win on a day it had three turnovers.

VIKINGS 30, BEARS 27, OT

CHICAGO (AP)—Sam Darnold threw for 90 of his 330 yards in overtime to set up Parker Romo's game-ending 29-yard field goal, and Minnesota outlasted Chicago after giving up 11 points in the final 22 seconds of regulation.

Darnold threw two touchdown passes, Jordan Addison caught eight passes for a career-high 162 yards and a touchdown, and T.J. Hockenson had 114 yards receiving for the Vikings (9-2), who remained one game behind Detroit in the rugged NFC North.

Caleb Williams threw for 340 yards and two touchdowns for the Bears (4-7), who lost their fifth straight.

Minnesota appeared to have the game in hand, leading 27-16 with 1:56 left after Romo kicked a 26-yard field goal. But the Bears weren't finished.

Deandre Carter made up for a muffed punt that led to a touchdown in the third quarter with a 55-yard kickoff return to the 40. Williams took it from there, capping an eight-play drive with a 1-yard touchdown pass to Keenan Allen. A 2-point conversion pass to DJ Moore made it 27-24 with 22 seconds remaining.

BRONCOS 29, RAIDERS 19

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Bo Nix passed for 273 yards and had two touchdown passes to break the team's rookie record, and the Denver finally won in Las Vegas with a victory over the reeling Raiders.

The Broncos (7-5) took another step toward an unexpected playoff spot with their second victory in a row.

Las Vegas (2-9) has lost seven consecutive games, its longest skid since the 2017-18 seasons.

Nix finished 25 of 42, and his 18-yard touchdown pass to Sutton in the third quarter broke the club rookie record of 14 set by Marlin Briscoe in 1968. Nix and Sutton later hooked up for a 2-yard TD with 5:30 left to give the Broncos a two-possession lead.

Denver lost its previous four games at Allegiant Stadium. This also was the Broncos' first road win in this series since defeating the then-Oakland Raiders on Oct. 11, 2015.

PACKERS 38, 49ERS 10

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)—Josh Jacobs rushed for 106 yards and matched a career high with three touchdowns and Green Bay trounced shorthanded San Francisco.

This marked the first time in the past 55 regular-season games that any individual had rushed for 100 yards against the 49ers. That represented the longest a team had gone without allowing a 100-yard rusher since at least 1955.

Justin Fields had rushed for 103 yards for the Chicago Bears against the 49ers on Oct. 31, 2021. Aaron Jones had rushed for 108 yards in the Packers' 24-21 NFC divisional playoff loss to San Francisco last season.

All three of Jacobs' touchdowns came from 1 yard.

SEAHAWKS 16, CARDINALS 6

SEATTLE (AP)—Coby Bryant returned an interception 69 yards for a touchdown and Leonard Williams had 2 1/2 sacks as the Seahawks tormented Cardinals quarterback Kyler Murray, and Seattle beat Arizona to move into a tie for the NFC West lead.

Jaxon Smith-Njigba had six catches for 77 yards and the first offensive touchdown against the Cardinals (6-5) in three weeks. But it was the defense that made the difference for the Seahawks (6-5) against their division rivals, who had their four-game winning streak snapped.

Seattle has won six straight and seven of eight over Arizona. The teams play again in two weeks.

The Cardinals averaged more than 29 points per game in their previous three, but the Seahawks held them to 298 total yards and 49 yards rushing while sacking Murray five times. Williams also had four hurries and a pass deflection.

Geno Smith threw for 254 yards with a touchdown pass and an interception for Seattle. Murray threw for 285 yards, and tight end Trey McBride had 12 catches for 133 yards.

EAGLES 37, RAMS 20

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP)—Saquon Barkley ran for touchdowns of 70 and 72 yards in the second half and finished with an Eagles-record 255 yards rushing in streaking Philadelphias' seventh consecutive victory over Los Angeles.

Barkley racked up the ninth-most yards rushing in a game in NFL history largely thanks to his huge TD runs bookending the second half. He sprinted for a 70-yard score on the opening snap of the third quarter, and he added another huge run up the middle with 2:44 to play.

Barkley had 302 total yards while becoming the first NFL player with two 70-yard TD runs in a game since Maurice Jones-Drew in 2009. Barkley leads the league with 1,392 yards rushing, including a league-best seven 100-yard rushing games in his seismic first season with Philadelphia.

Celtics beat Timberwolves, 107-105, with late defensive stand

BOSTON (AP)—Jaylen Brown scored the Celtics' first 15 points on five consecutive 3-pointers and finished with 29 points, before Boston withstood a late charge to beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 107-105 on Sunday.

Jayson Tatum added 26 points and eight rebounds to help Boston post a season-high fifth straight victory.

Anthony Edwards had 28 points and nine rebounds for Minnesota, which has lost five of its last seven.

Julius Randle added 23 points, and Rudy Gobert finished with 10 points and 20 rebounds, his eighth double-double of the season.

AP

Boston Celtics guard Jrue Holiday, left, tries to drive past Minnesota Timberwolves guard Anthony Edwards, right, in the first half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024, in Boston.

PACERS 115, WIZARDS 103

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Pascal Siakam scored 22 points, Tyrese Haliburton had 21 points and nine assists, and Indiana snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory over Washington.

Rookie Alexandre Sarr and Bilal Coulibaly each had 17 for the Wizards, who have now lost 11 in a row and have the NBA's worst record at 2-13. Sarr also had a game-high 14 rebounds.

Bennedict Mathurin had 16 points, Moses Brown 15 and T.J. McConnell 12 for the Pacers.

CLIPPERS 125, 76ERS 99

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—James Harden had 23 points and eight assists, Ivica Zubac had 16 points and 12 rebounds and Los Angeles coasted to a win over Philadelphia.

The 76ers fell to 3-13, an improbable record for a team that opened the season as a strong betting favorite to win the Eastern Conference. The Sixers played again without injured All-Stars Joel Embiid and Paul George, both out with knee injuries.

Harden was booed every time he touched the ball by Sixers fans who have not forgotten how he left the team in a lurch when he demanded a trade ahead of the 2023 season.

The Clippers shot around 60% from the floor for most of the game and helped empty the arena early of Sixers fans with plenty of time to catch the Eagles' kickoff later that night.

Jared McCain scored 18 points and Tyrese Maxey had 17 for the Sixers.

HEAT 123, MAVERICKS 118, OT

MIAMI (AP)—Jimmy Butler scored a season-high 33 points, leading Miami past Dallas in overtime.

Bam Adebayo had 19 points and 11 rebounds, Tyler Herro had 18 points and 10 rebounds, Alec Burks scored 15 and Pelle Larsson added 14 for Miami.

Kyrie Irving had 14 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter for Dallas, which had its four-game winning streak snapped. P.J. Washington scored 21, Naji Marshall had 20, Klay Thompson scored 15 and Dereck Lively II had 14 points and 13 rebounds for Dallas.

The Mavericks played without Luka Doncic, still sidelined with a sprained right wrist. The Heat were without Terry Rozier, who was expected to play but wound up being scratched with a recurrence of right foot discomfort.

CAVALIERS 122, RAPTORS 108

CLEVELAND (AP)—Donovan Mitchell and Ty Jerome scored 26 points apiece as Cleveland improved to 17-1 and stayed perfect at home with a win over Toronto.

The Cavs, who opened the season 15-0 before losing at Boston last week, are 10-0 on their home floor for the first since the 2017-18 season, when they won their first 13 games at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse.

Jarrett Allen had 23 points and 13 rebounds for Cleveland. Evan Mobley added 14 and 11.

Scottie Barnes and Gradey Dick had 18 points apiece for the Raptors, now 0-8 on the road.

RJ Barrett added 16 points and Jakob Poeltl had 18 rebounds for Toronto. Barrett was playing his second game after missing 11 straight with a fractured orbital bone.

It was another strong performance for Jerome, who has been a surprise contributor for the Cavs after missing almost all of last season with an ankle injury. The 27-year-old scored a career-high 29 in Cleveland's previous game.

NETS 108, KINGS 103

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Cam Thomas scored 34 points and Brooklyn beat the Kings in Nets coach Jordi Fernandez's return to Sacramento.

Fernandez served as the Kings' associate coach the last two seasons under his mentor, Sacramento coach Mike Brown.

The Nets' 19-point first-half lead evaporated, but with the score tied at 88-all after three quarters, they held the Kings to 15 points in the fourth.

With the Nets up 107-102, neither team made a field goal in the last two minutes, with the Kings missing their last five attempts.

Thomas had nine points in the fourth.

De'Aaron Fox led the Kings with 31 points.

76ers' Embiid sidelined due to swelling in his left knee and will miss 2 games

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Philadelphia 76ers center Joel Embiid is managing swelling in his left knee and will miss a second consecutive game Sunday, the team said.The Sixers issued a statement on the condition of the 2023 NBA MVP at halftime of Friday's NBA Cup game against the Brooklyn Nets, saying the decision to sideline Embiid was made along with the team's medical staff. Embiid was ruled out prior to Friday's game against the Nets due to what the team described as left knee injury maintenance. The Sixers host the Los Angeles Clippers on Sunday.

"Joel Embiid is managing swelling in his left knee," the team's statement said. "In consultation with the team's medical staff, Embiid missed tonight's game and will also miss Sunday's game. He is receiving treatments and further updates on his status will be provided early next week."

Embiid was originally listed as questionable in injury reports coming into the game and declared a game-time decision during coach Nick Nurse's pregame media session. But, Embiid never participated in warmups and was declared out 30 minutes before tip-off.

"It's kind of something that we knew that we were going to be dealing with going into the season," Nurse after the team's 113-98 win over the Nets. "They do what they can do to remove that swelling, but it just didn't feel good enough to go.

"We were pretty well aware not too much longer after (the pregame press conference) that he wasn't going to be able to go tonight and they looked at it again during the game or halftime or whatever and decided they need to treat it this weekend and go from there."

Embiid was not in the locker room when reporters entered after the game Friday night.

Embiid played Wednesday night in Memphis, scoring a season-high 35 points and grabbing 11 rebounds in a 117-111 loss that dropped the Sixers to 2-12. At times against the Grizzlies, Embiid appeared to be limping and hobbled with a knee injury, but remained in the game as Philadelphia battled back into contention in the fourth quarter.

Embiid joined Paul George on the sidelines Friday night. George suffered a left knee bone bruise in Wednesday's game and will be out until next week, at the earliest. The third part of the Sixers' projected "Big Three"—guard Tyrese Maxey—returned against Memphis after missing two weeks with a hamstring injury. Embiid, Maxey and George have played together in just one game this season.

Embiid missed Philadelphia's first 10 games due to knee management and a three-game suspension and has been sidelined for 11 of 15 games this season.

The 30-year-old Embiid was limited to 39 games last season, mostly because of knee surgery after tearing the meniscus in his left knee on Jan. 30 against Golden State.

Embiid, who helped the U.S. win gold in the Paris Olympics, signed a $193 million contract ahead of training camp and skipped the entire preseason.

NBA BRIEFS

76ers' star Paul George sidelined the next 2 games with bone bruise in left knee

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Philadelphia 76ers forward Paul George has a bone bruise on his left knee and will miss two games, the team said Thursday. The 76ers said George did not suffer any structural damage when he injured the same knee that he hyperextended during the preseason in Wednesday night's loss at Memphis. The game marked the first time this season the All-Star trio of George, Joel Embiid and Tyrese Maxey started a game together. George will miss home games Friday against Brooklyn and Sunday against the Los Angeles Clippers, his former team. A nine-time All-Star, the 34-year-old George will be evaluated again on Monday. Wednesday's 117-111 loss to the Grizzlies dropped the Sixers to 2-12, the worst record in the NBA headed into Thursday night's games. George signed a four-year, $212 million contract with Philadelphia after five seasons with the Clippers. He has averaged 14.9 points in eight games this season. Embiid has been out with injuries, load management rest and a suspension, while Maxey was sidelined with a hamstring injury. An expected contender in the Eastern Conference, the Sixers haven't won since an overtime victory against Charlotte on Nov. 10.

Mavs star Luka Doncic has a right wrist sprain and will be re-evaluated in a week

DALLAS (AP)—Luka Doncic has a right wrist sprain that will sideline the Dallas Mavericks star on a three-game road trip starting Friday night in Denver. The Mavericks said Thursday their five-time All-Star will be re-evaluated in a week. The defending Western Conference champions also visit Miami and Atlanta on the trip, and the timeline for Doncic suggests he will miss a home game against the New York Knicks on Wednesday as well. Doncic said he started feeling discomfort in the wrist in the first quarter of a 132-91 victory over the New Orleans Pelicans on Tuesday. The five-time All-Star had missed the previous game against Oklahoma City with a right knee contusion. That was the first game Doncic missed this season. Doncic is tied for eighth in the NBA in scoring at 28.1 points per game as part of a star-studded backcourt that includes Kyrie Irving and Klay Thompson. Irving is averaging 24.3 points per game.

Shohei Ohtani wins 3rd MVP award, first in NL

NEW YORK (AP)—Shohei Ohtani keeps setting records, even after the season is over.

The Los Angeles Dodgers star added his third Most Valuable Player award to his collection and first in the National League when he was chosen unanimously by the Baseball Writers' Association of America on Thursday.

» Aaron Judge earns second AL honor in 3 seasons

Aaron Judge of the New York Yankees won the American League award for the second time, also unanimously.

Ohtani last year became the first two-time unanimous MVP. He won the AL award in 2021 and 2023 as a two-way star for the Los Angeles Angels and finished second to Judge in 2022 voting.

He didn't pitch in 2024 following elbow surgery and signed a record $700 million, 10-year contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers last December. Ohtani became the first player to reach 50 home runs and 50 stolen bases in a season, then helped the Dodgers beat the Yankees in the World Series.

"The fact that I knew I wasn't going to be able to pitch this season just made me focus more on my offensive game and fortunately I was able to produce and get this award," Ohtani said through a translator.

AP

Los Angeles Dodgers' Shohei Ohtani smiles after reaching first base on a single off Colorado Rockies relief pitcher Seth Halvorsen in the eighth inning of a baseball game Sept. 29, 2024, in Denver.

Ohtani sat on a red sofa with his wife and dog Decoy as teammate Clayton Kershaw announced the award on the MLB Network. The Nederlanse kooikerhondje immediately jumped away.

Ohtani received all 30 first-place votes and 420 points. New York Mets shortstop Francisco Lindor was second with 263 points and Arizona second baseman Ketel Marte third with 229.

Judge was a unanimous pick for the first time. Kansas City shortstop Bobby Witt Jr. got all 30 second-place votes for 270 points, and Yankees outfielder Juan Soto was third with 21 third-place votes and 229 points.

Ohtani hit .310, stole 59 bases and led the NL with 54 homers and 130 RBIs exclusively as a designated hitter, becoming the first player with 50 or more homers and 50 or more stolen bases in a season.

A highlight of the season was during the dog days. Ball in mouth, Decoy delivered the ceremonial first pitch to his owner at Dodger Stadium's home plate before an Aug. 28 game against Baltimore.

"The most nerve-wracking game that I had, the most nervous I was when we had that Decoy throw out the first pitch," he said.

Ohtani played the final three games of the World Series with a torn labrum in his left shoulder. Still recovering from right elbow surgery in September 2023, Ohtani had another operation on Nov. 5 to repair the shoulder and has been working on range of motion and started Thursday on core and lower body work.

"The goal is to be ready for opening day and that includes hitting and pitching," Ohtani said. "But we are kind of taking our time."

When Ohtani resumes pitching, could he win MVP and the Cy Young Award in the same year?

"That would obviously be great, but right now my focus is just to get to get back healthy, come back stronger, get back on the mound and show everybody what I can do," Ohtani said.

Ohtani became the first primary designated hitter and first player who didn't appear defensively for a single inning to win an MVP. His season started with the revelation longtime interpreter and friend, Ippei Mizuhara had stolen nearly $17 million from the star to fund gambling.

Ohtani is the 12th player with three or more MVPs, joining Barry Bonds (seven) and Jimmie Foxx, Joe DiMaggio, Stan Musial, Roy Campanella, Yogi Berra, Mickey Mantle, Mike Schmidt, Alex Rodriguez, Albert Pujols and Mike Trout (three each).

Balloting was conducted before the postseason.

"Moving forward, I think now we do have a target on our back," Ohtani said. "We are going to be expected to maybe even do — possibly even do more."

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the final seconds of regulation, 670 Gravity's Alkenn Ege launched a perfectly timed shot off a well-placed assist from team captain Jun Estolas to tie the game at 73-73 to force overtime.

The fight that ensued left everyone gasping for air and was ultimately decided by crucial free throws in a down-to-the-wire finish.

HBR and 670 Gravity were still tied at 75-75 when HBR tried to turn things around and led, 79-75. But the gravitational pull of the master's title was too strong for 670 Gravity and they eventually steered their team into the lead, 85-81, from a wide open 3-pointer by Jerome Directo.

With mere seconds left, HBR resorted to inducing fouls, which 670 Gravity converted into points. But at the 16-second mark, Gab Camacho launched a deep 3-pointer, setting it into orbit and bringing HBR within 2 points, 84-86.

However, with just 13 seconds remaining, 670 Gravity held onto their lead with airtight plays, sinking two more free throws off HBR's desperate attempts to regain possession, and secured the championship, 88-84.

HBR had an astronomical 45-34 lead over 670 Gravity at the end of the first half, but it was evident that 670 Gravity weren't ready to burn up in reentry. 670 Gravity tightened the tether that loosely connected them to HBR and with a flair for the dramatic, erased their lead and knotted it all up, 68-68, from Estolas' rocket from beyond the arc with less than two minutes left.

It all blew up in HBR's face from there as 670 Gravity space walked by their side the whole time and blazed their way like a comet to overtime.

Estolas captained his team to a game-high 34 markers, while Jerome Directo contributed 22, and Ege scored 18. Camacho put up 21, while Quiambao scored 17, and Hernandez made 13 points for HBR.

For coach Erwin Lumanlan, who coached two teams this season, he said, "The season was great but [there were] ups and downs for both teams that I was coaching, but overall it was a great season."

He then thanked SMJ Fish Mart and 670 Gravity car group for their trust in their teams. Also, to One Pacific boss Darwin Gonzalez and Nelson Samson, as well as the committee and referees, and the team captain Jun Estolas.

Results of the semi open division finals and individual awards for both divisions will be posted in the next issues of *Saipan Tribune.*

670 Gravity 88 – Estolas 34, Directo 22, Ege 18, Matuguina 7, Villocero 4, Santiago 2, Tibayan 1.

HBR 84 – Camacho 21, Quiambao 17, Hernandez 13, Chua 11, Agusto 9, Lazatin 7, Agustin 5, Lazatin 1.

Scoring by halves: 34-45, 73-73, 88-84.

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well-orchestrated hits and a walk, and saved their best moves for last.

Leighton Tenorio stepped up to the plate and with one swing of the bat, he hit a homer that drew cheers and applause from their dugout and supporters as they turned the lead in their favor, 14-13. One more run would score from Donald Tagabuel and they boasted a two-run lead, 15-13.

The pace quickened too fast for the Lancherus, but a solo shot by Kaipo Camacho kept them close, 14-15. However, they could not advance the rest of their baserunners, and with this misstep, the Knights' pitching staff drew the curtain on the Lancherus, holding on to secure a 15-14 victory.

In other results that day, Tanapag Middle School Tatagas retained their undefeated record with a win over Francisco M. Sablan Middle School Napu Riders, 5-2; and Hopwood Middle School Hilitais trounced DMS, 11-7.

Yesterday's games were postponed to a later date due to rain.

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Arriola, Charlotte Figueroa, Hanbyul Jang, Mikheala Kim, Sarang Lee, Breanna Lopez, Celine Mondido, Adele Raho, Stacey Ramos, Ameree San Nicolas, Chloe Shin, and Keala Takeda.

In other results that day, Francisco M. Sablan Napu Riders took down Chacha Ocean View Middle School Lancherus, 21-5, 21-15; Hopwood Middle School II beat Saipan International School II, 21-18, 21-16; and TMS II defeated FMS II in a tie-breaking third set, 21-17, 19-20, 15-12.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES
NBA STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Boston	14	3	.824	–
New York	9	7	.563	4½
Brooklyn	7	10	.412	7
Toronto	4	13	.235	10
Philadelphia	3	13	.188	10½
Southeast Division				
Orlando	11	7	.611	–
Miami	7	7	.500	2
Atlanta	7	10	.412	3½
Charlotte	6	10	.375	4
Washington	2	13	.133	7½
Central Division				
Cleveland	17	1	.944	–
Milwaukee	8	9	.471	8½
Indiana	7	10	.412	9½
Chicago	7	11	.389	10
Detroit	7	11	.389	10
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
Houston	12	6	.667	–
Memphis	10	7	.588	1½
Dallas	9	8	.529	2½
San Antonio	9	8	.529	2½
New Orleans	4	13	.235	7½
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	12	4	.750	–
Denver	9	6	.600	2½
Minnesota	8	8	.500	4
Portland	7	10	.412	5½
Utah	4	12	.250	8
Pacific Division				
Golden State	12	4	.750	–
L.A. Lakers	10	6	.625	2
L.A. Clippers	11	7	.611	2
Phoenix	9	7	.563	3
Sacramento	8	9	.471	4½

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NFL STANDINGS
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
Buffalo	9	2	0	.818	320	214
Miami	5	6	0	.455	215	236
N.Y. Jets	3	8	0	.273	204	242
New England	3	9	0	.250	197	282
South						
Houston	7	5	0	.583	285	268
Indianapolis	5	7	0	.417	242	274
Tennessee	3	8	0	.273	202	290
Jacksonville	2	9	0	.182	208	316
North						
Pittsburgh	8	3	0	.727	252	186
Baltimore	7	4	0	.636	334	271
Cincinnati	4	7	0	.364	297	296
Cleveland	3	8	0	.273	186	267
West						
Kansas City	10	1	0	.909	270	218
L.A. Chargers	7	3	0	.700	220	145
Denver	7	5	0	.583	264	202
Las Vegas	2	9	0	.182	206	314
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
Philadelphia	9	2	0	.818	296	199
Washington	7	5	0	.583	334	277
Dallas	4	7	0	.364	221	319
N.Y. Giants	2	9	0	.182	163	252
South						
Atlanta	6	5	0	.545	244	274
Tampa Bay	5	6	0	.455	309	273
New Orleans	4	7	0	.364	262	260
Carolina	3	8	0	.273	194	340
North						
Detroit	10	1	0	.909	360	183
Minnesota	9	2	0	.818	274	197
Green Bay	8	3	0	.727	288	223
Chicago	4	7	0	.364	221	217
West						
Arizona	6	5	0	.545	244	236
Seattle	6	5	0	.545	246	244
L.A. Rams	5	6	0	.455	233	276
San Francisco	5	6	0	.455	260	260

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Late-game rally derailed by missed extra point and Cowboys stun Commanders

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670 Gravity defies HBR in OT for masters champs

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Masters division champion 670 Gravity poses for a group photo with their trophy during the awards ceremony of the Win Pacific Corp. Invitational Basketball League 2024 at the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium last Sunday.

LEIGH GASES

670 Gravity's Prince Sarroca leaps for a contested jumper during their masters finals against HBR in the Win Pacific Corp. Invitational Basketball League 2024 at the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium last Sunday.

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670 Gravity didn't let anything hold them down from winning the masters title as they bounced back to take it all after an out-of-this-world finals matchup against HBR, 88-84, in the Win Pacific Corp. Invitational Basketball League 2024 at the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium last Sunday.

HBR, after being on top of the world, blew their lead and came crashing back down to earth. Every play seemed scripted for the stars, and in

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GCA fly to 1st win in girls v-ball

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Grace Christian Academy Lady Eagles flew to their first win in the NMIVA-PSS Interscholastic Girls Middle School Volleyball League 2024-2025 last Thursday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

The defending champions found themselves in a rut early in the season, but bounced back with a two-set victory over the Tanapag Middle School Tatagas. Led by captain Breanna Lopez, the Lady Eagles soared to a 21-17 first set win.

The Tatagas had a height advantage with Aaleyah Fatialofa, who towered over the players on the court. She dominated at the net, scoring points for TMS with powerful kills. However, GCA's better-managed returns and fewer errors allowed them to take the first set by four points.

The second set was a much closer game as TMS inched toward a comeback and a tie-breaking third set. GCA drew first blood, but the Tatagas quickly overpowered them to sport a 5-1 lead.

However, GCA's chemistry was more pronounced in this matchup as they tried to turn things around and halt TMS' bid for a tie-breaker. After a few mistakes in TMS' returns, GCA got back in touch as they rallied and were within two points, 6-8. Fatialofa was a menace and swung the momentum back in their favor though from face-melting serves that put them up, 12-8.

But TMS fell off the tracks later in the game as the Lady Eagles put all their skills in overdrive and won, 21-18.

GCA's roster includes Anne

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LEIGH GASES

Grace Christian Academy players huddle around their coach, Cecile Guevarra, during one of their games in the NMIVA-PSS Interscholastic Girls Middle School Volleyball League 2024-2025 last Thursday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

LEIGH GASES

Grace Christian Academy's Sarang Lee locks in during her serve in their game against Tanapag Middle School in the NMIVA-PSS Interscholastic Girls Middle School Volleyball League 2024-2025 last Thursday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Knights prance past Chacha, 15-14

LEIGH GASES

A Mount Carmel School player slides safely at home in the nick of time just as Chacha Ocean View Middel School's pitcher applies the tag during their game in the PSS-NMI Softball Association Interscholastic Boys High School Fast Pitch Softball League 2024-2025 last Saturday at the Dandan Middle School softball field.

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Mount Carmel School Knights put on their best dancing shoes and pranced past Chacha Ocean View Middle School, 15-14, in their game that was filled with rhythm, finesse, and dramatic twists and turns in the PSS-NMI Softball Association Interscholastic Boys High School Fast Pitch Softball League 2024-2025 last Saturday at the Dandan Middle School softball field.

It takes two to tango and the Knights found themselves tangled up with a tough Lancherus team throughout the game. The Lancherus took the first step and scored nine runs for a huge 10-0 lead at the end of the top of the first inning.

The Knights didn't bow just yet though as their offense replied quickly and erased COVMS' hard work after scoring eight consecutive runs to get within two, 8-10. The Lancherus then picked up their pitcher, Jayton Dela Cruz, with three runs in the second to extend their lead once more, 13-8.

The Knights could only conjure up one run at the bottom of the second for a 9-13 game. However, after COVMS slipped and fell in order during the third inning, the Knights found their groove and choreographed a comeback that would leave the Lancherus breathless.

MCS' Soli Maratita, Jaze San Nicolas, David Camacho, and Gunshiro Sasamoto all got on base with

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